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Charter changes on ballot again

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

As predicted the city is again asking Romulus voters to update the 1970 financial levels on three City Charter questions to what it considers Year 2000 financial rates.

Five such issues were presented to the voters on Feb. 22 and four of the five were rejected.

Mayor William Oakley said it appeared those losses were caused by some angry residents, who turned out for what was termed a Republican Presidential Primary.

Since the vote that day -- actually George "I Will Not Tell a Lie" Washington's Birthday -- was not limited to Republicans only, numerous Democrats, military veterans and labor forces turned out to reportedly vote for GOP candidate and former POW Sen. John McCain (R-Arizona).

That heightened the expected turnout that day and caused the unexpected multiple loss, Oakley forces said.

While a two-year wait is usually in vogue following such a loss, city legal forces rewrote the charter questions and sent them back to the state Attorney General's office for reconsideration.

City Clerk Linda Choate recently received word from Gov. John Engler that the three rewritten questions can be placed on the same ballot as the Romulus School District's trustee vote.

It is hoped by some in the Oakley administration that a small turnout on June 12 for the quiet school board races will give the city a better chance to win with voters on such non-controversial charter issues.

According to a printed public statement from Oakley's office "On June 12, citizens of Romulus will be deciding three ballot proposals.

"These proposals will update our City Charter," it continues "by adjusting spending limits to coincide with the inflation that has occurred in the last 30 years."

The proposals are:

Proposal 1 amend material purchases cost from $750 to $2,250 for tools, apparatuses or any other things without seeking sealed bids after the year 2001.

City Council may then establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount, which shall not exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Proposal 2 adjust the cost from $1,000 to $3,000 for contracts on any public improvements without drawings, profiles and estimates.

Proposal 3 adjust the cost from $1,000 to $3,000 the amount of any city contracts for public improvements or the purchase of any materials, tools, apparatuses without obtaining a majority from the City Council.

These changes will speed up city governmental actions and add to the number of bidders, Oakley forces said.

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How come Westland dog walkers don't have to scoop up poop?

Two quick questions: How come people in Westland can walk their dogs without having to pickup the dog doo-doo, so to speak?

Also, I used to live in Canton. How come my rates for Media One are more expensive than in Canton? Why can't they have more competition with Media One?

Proposal to start orchestras, foreign language classes questioned

I'm not so sure about the school board candidate that wants to start an orchestra in all [Plymouth-Canton] middle schools and introduce foreign languages in the elementary schools without explaining how the district can pay for them without cutting back on other programs.

Westland can end dynasty by electing fresh school board members

On June 12th voters will have the opportunity to begin showing that they are paying attention, and are aware of the power struggle going on within the community of Westland.

The school board has long been the pool from which city council members are chosen. Many members of both units have been "appointed" and not elected by the people. This is your opportunity to be heard.

School board elections have long been neglected and overlooked by residents, not aware that it is only a stepping stone for those already associated with present council members and the power that keeps them there.

Please make a choice for a fresh start for this community. Be aware of whom is spending the most money, and know there is a reason for this. Backing. Know who is backing whom, and educate yourself as to why.

My wife and I will be voting for Marshall Wright and Cynthia Schofield Two fresh faces, and new ideas for the community. Neither with ties to the current administration, or board.

Whether you follow our lead or not, please vote. The major prob-

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Tiger on prowl

Cory Elementary School Principal Phyllis Adkins and some of her top students were given a chance to enjoy a fun time recently with the Detroit Tigers baseball team mascot "Paws." The visiting celebrity stopped by Romulus during the presentation of parental involvement awards outside the school.
MCN Special Photo

Crane named commissioner

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus funeral director Bill Crane was finally officially named to the Romulus Historical Commission on Monday night by the City Council.

Also selected was local businessman and former Romulus Chamber of Commerce President Mark Lewkowicz.

Rejected by the council by a 4-3 vote was Ken Whitman, husband of the Romulus Historical Society's President Judith Whitman.

Whitman has been continually asking what the delay was in the naming of the Historical Society's nominees for the past two or three months.

She said the Society had presented as usual their three nominees for the commission last December in plenty of time for council action last January.

For some reason it took two meetings of the council's three member Advisory Committee to settle on only two of the nominees.

Whitman revealed that her husband has been on the Historical Commission for the past two years and will continue serving his original term.

"Until he is replaced," one city official quippped.

The "heated battle over a relatively minor appointment issue -- that even included a request for an opinion from the city attorney -- proves that next year's political campaigns are starting early," one observer at the council meeting stated Monday night.

2 city firemen injured

Two volunteer Romulus firefighters reportedly were hospitalized Monday after fighting a field fire at I-94 and 275, non-official sources said Monday night.

The injured firemen were identified as Darnell Hurst and Brian McNeil, both from Station 3.

Unconfirmed reports also said that passing motorists stopped midday and tried to help the firefighters with their personal car fire extinguishers.

It is not known yet what caused the blaze.

The injuries to the firemen comes in the midst of a cry by some city leaders that the fire department needs to hire an undisclosed number of paid full-time firemen.

Romulus will mark 30 years tonight

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Former and current Romulus citizens are invited to the city's grand 30th anniversary party tonight at Romulus City Hall -- to view photos and other memorabilia to mark the city's three decades of history.

Present Mayor William Oakley and seven council members and other city officials will be on hand to discuss the city's history as well as its future with the public.

While citizens are urged to arrive as early as 7 p.m., according to David Cox, the mayor's assistant, the official recognition of the city's birthday will take place exactly at 8 p.m. in the council chambers.

That reportedly is the exact time that the city began 30 years ago following citizen approval of a city charter.

Creators of that charter were Felix Rogalle, Charles Dick Jr., Arthur Ditmar, Alfred Perry, Terry Troutt, James Foley, Mickie Lopata, Jesse L. Tryon and the only survivng member of that group -- Mayor Oakley.

A singing of a "Happy Birthday" rendering will take place at that time.

Veteran *Michigan Community Newspaper* Sports Writer and columnist Tom Mooradian will join *Romulus Roman* reporter Al Post at the ceremonies.

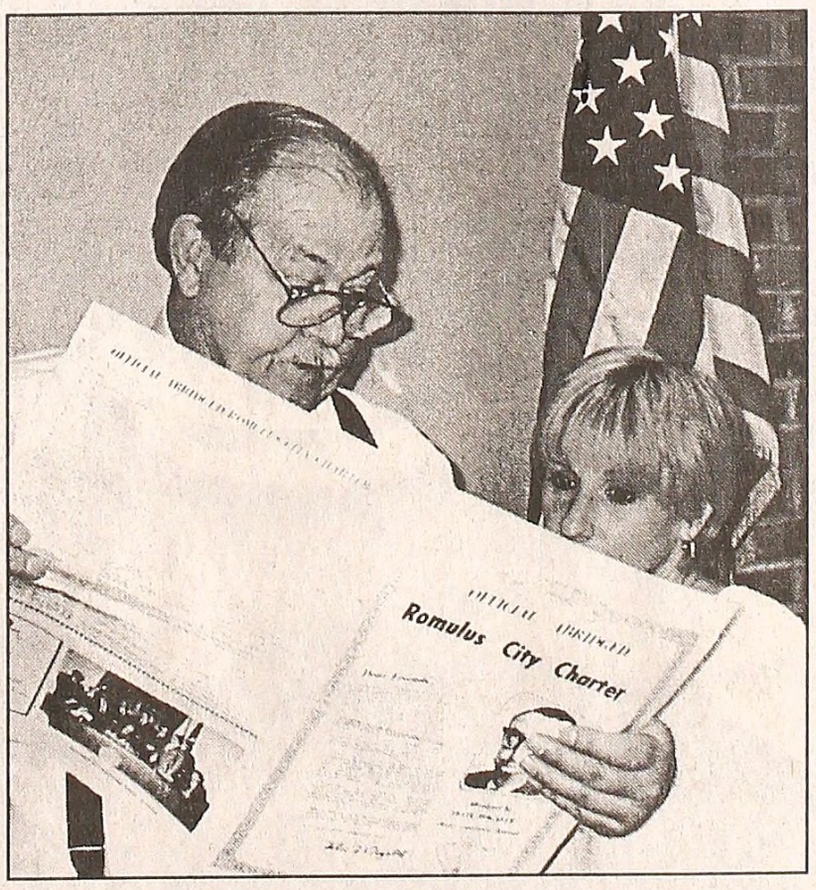
Cox promises that scores of photos and artifacts will be on display in the hallway between Oakley's office and the council chambers.

There will be light food items and hot and cold drinks for those in attendance, he said.

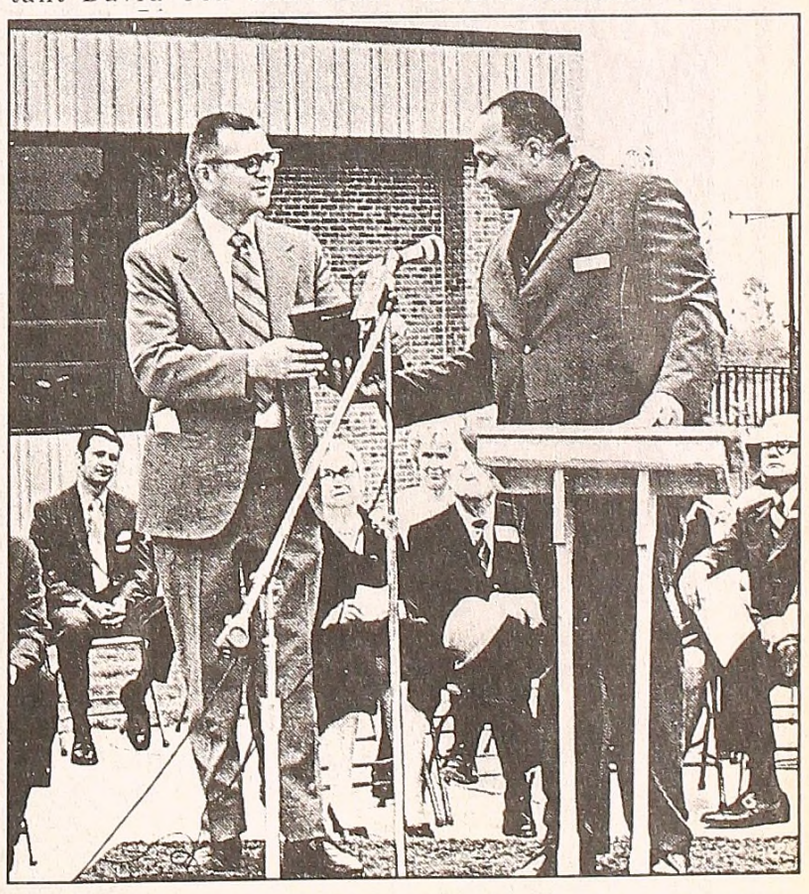
The first elected city officials included: Mayor Hyle J. Carmichael, City Clerk Leonard Folmar, Treasurer Albert Glinski, Mayor pro tem Jimmie Raspberry and Councilmen Fred Junior Block, Edward Bizek, Brooker Edwards, William Oakley, Ellis Pennington and James Stewart.

Many of the photos and items that will be on display are on loan from the Romulus Historical Museum and from the following private persons: Mayor Oakley, Department of Public Works Director David J. Paul; Deputy Assessor Alan Dennett, City Technical Director Kris Moe, Mayoral Assistant David Cox and head Librarian Diane Hazen.

Cox said the mayor also wished to thank City Council members for donations of food and materials for the event. Key food items are being supplied by Barry Caplan, general manager of the DoubleTree Hotel of Romulus.



Current Romulus Mayor William Oakley and his secretary Dorothy Kitchen glance at one of the historical items that will be on display tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. at Romulus City Hall to mark the city's 30th anniversary. At 8 p.m. a collective Happy Birthday will be sung for the city. MCN Special Photo



Retired City Councilman Jimmie Raspberry (right) is shown accepting a plaque 30 years ago from Chuck Hellman, a representative of Wade-Trim -- the firm serving as the city's engineering company both then and now. Raspberry then the high vote getter was the city's mayor pro tem.
MCN Special Photo

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People in the news...

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus Executive Police **Lt. Eric Painter** has been named the new chairman of the Romulus Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Fire Chief David Allison has been named the unit's information officer.

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Sara Leman Jones, daughter of Dennis Mark and Jacqueline G. Jones of Wayne, was born Feb. 17, 2000 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia.

She weighed seven pounds and seven ounces at birth and measured 20 inches.

She joins a brother, Ross Oliver Jones, age 3.

Her grandparents are Philip and Alicia Marnon of Wayne and Robert and Sandra Conroy of Trenton.

Sara Jones

Cheryl Pallante and Michael Sturtz

Pallante, Sturtz planning to marry

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Cheryl Lynn Pallante and Michael S. Sturtz of Dearborn Heights are planning to marry on Aug. 26, 2000 at the Franklin Community Church.

The bride-elect has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics at Central Michigan University. She currently works for Superior Ford.

She is the daughter of Richard and Vera Pallante of St. Clair Shores.

The groom-to-be received his Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre at the University of Michigan.

He also works for Superior Ford. He is the son of Dennis and Carol Sturtz of Belleville.

Their honeymoon plans call for a trip to Figi.

Retirement party set for resource director

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A retirement party is now being planned for Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek -- retired Resource Director for the City of Westland.

The party is slated for 6 p.m. June 22 at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club located at 7300 N. Merriman Road in Westland.

Tickets cost $50 per person.

Tickets may be purchased at the 18th District Court, Friendship Center and Mayor Robert Thomas' office.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Romulus High student cited

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Arekeyta Porter, a sophomore at Romulus High School, has been selected to participate in the 2000 Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar (TASS) entitled "Understanding Black and Multi-Racial Political History in the New Millennium."

TASS provides an opportunity for students to experience the flavor of college life and a chance to begin preparation for college student.

TASS is a six-week program focusing on exciting seminars, workshops and individualized writing instructions from professors, trained staff and guest lecturers.

> *Look out Indiana University, here I come!*
>
> **- Arekeyta Porter**

Porter expressed excitement over the chance to live briefly on a college campus. "Look out Indiana University," she states, "here I come!"

Arekeyta Porter

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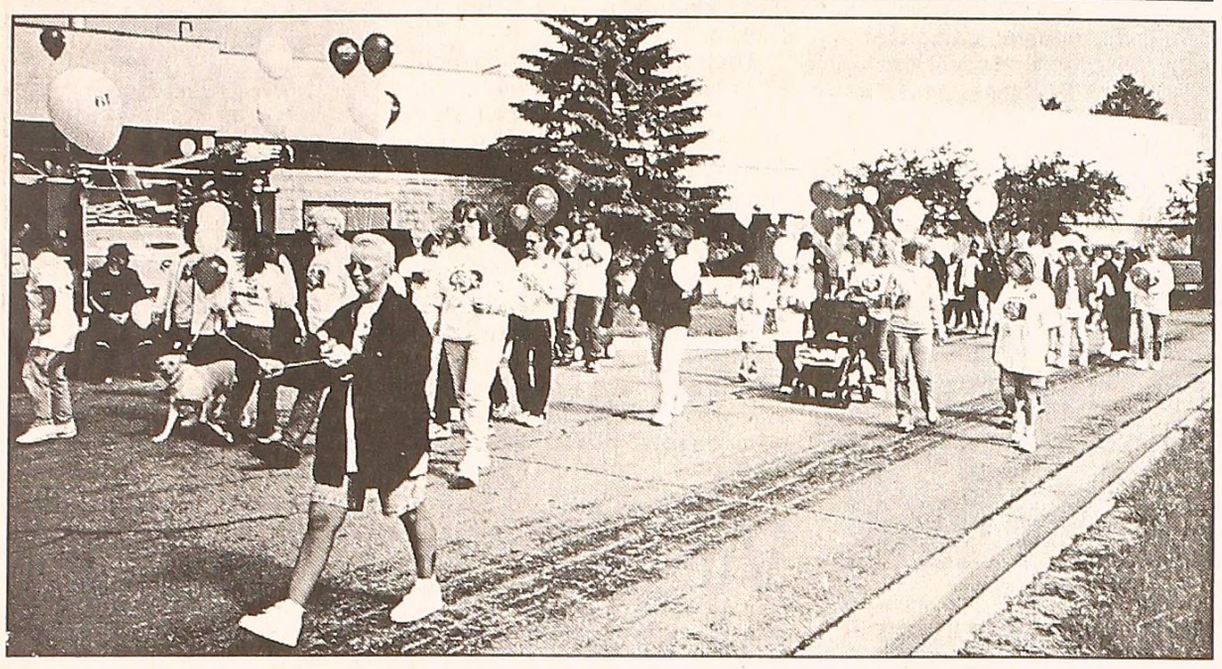


Young Bradley Bills (in wheelchair) exits Wick Elementary School in Romulus on Saturday as he prepares to lead 138 walkers (shown in bottom photo) to press for funds to find a cure for a debilitating disease known as Ataxia-Telangiectasia. MCN Photos by Al Post

A-T Walk raises $10,000

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A total of 138 walkers -- many wearing the Year 2000 A-T Hearts of Hope T-shirts -- raised over $10,000 in an effort to find a cure for the tough A-T disease that impacts the life of a Romulus family and hundreds of others across the U.S.

The disease is officially known as Ataxia-Telangiectasia (A-T), and according to the national group, it is "like having muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, cerebral palsy and cancer all rolled into one."

The local A-T patient -- Bradley Bills -- spearheaded the sun-covered walk Saturday morning by riding in an electric wheelchair at the head of the official annual parade.

This is the third year such a parade was conducted in Romulus.

Protecting the walkers in the front and rear were Romulus Police and Fire Department units -- including one car carrying Mayor William Oakley and Police Chief Charles Kirby.

After the two-mile walk was completed, the participants enjoyed a free hot-dog lunch at Wick Elementary School supplied by Dennis Swaney -- owner and manager of the Romulus IGA.

In addition scores of prizes were presented to children and adults, who paid $15 or more to the AT Children's Project headquartered in Florida.

The money will be used to supply international grants for clinical trials, gene therapy and oxidative stress involved in the A-T cure effort.

Earlier in the week, the A-T Lunch Bunch at Barth Elementary School raised $855 with a Monday night spaghetti dinner.

Cited for providing the majority of the work effort for the dinner were Kay and Larry Camilleri, who currently have five of their own children attending Romulus schools.

Witnesses said the couple prepared over 50 pounds of spaghetti, sauce, salad and breadsticks that night.

Denise Bills said another $646 was raised at Barth School with the selling of "large hearts" symbolizing the national "A-T Hearts of Hope" campaign for this year.

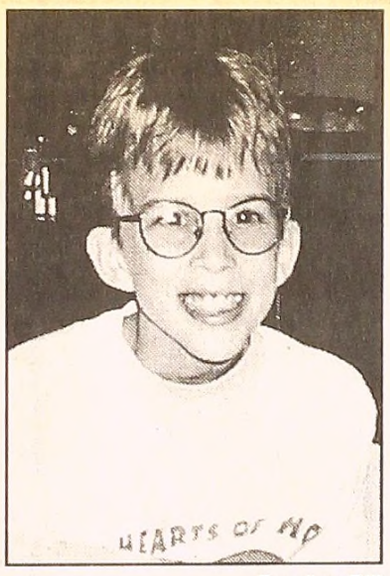
Swaney also raised another $130 with the selling of similar hearts that were posted on the windows, walls and doors of his Goddard Road store.

Other sponsors of the A-T Project in Romulus were the Zmart Party Store, IPS and the Romulus Auto Supply store.

Denise Bills extended warm thanks to Swaney, the other sponsors and those parents and children, who took time to walk two miles for her son on Saturday.

For those who still wish to contribute to A-T fund, Bills urges them to send their checks to the "A-T Children's Project" and mail them to her at 38630 Westvale, Romulus, MI. 48174.

For more information, the Bills' phone number is 734-941-9612.



Bradley Bills

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lem within this community now is voter apathy. Had it not become so prevalent, we would already be experiencing a political renewal in this city. When you go the polls, go with a determination to make change. ù Mario Gracin [*identity confirmed by e-mail ù Ed.*]

Which is worse: driving an American Toyota or firing a 23-year worker?

As a UAW member I will be putting my support behind Glenn Anderson for the 18th District seat. It appears that Sharon Scott might have used manipulation and blackmail to try and gain the endorsement of the UAW with a video of Mr. Anderson and his Toyota. These people will sink to any level to gain more power.

I support truth. She seems to have no truth. When going to the polls consider this: a Toyota built in America, or a council person whom fired a 23 year and a half employee, much of which was spent as union personnel. I think that speaks volumes.

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Your hometown papers!

Adams principal faces embezzlement charges

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

A prominent Wayne-Westland educator, who at one time was on the short list as a candidate for the superintendent's job in the Wayne-Westland Community School District, was to make a court appearance yesterday to answer to charges of embezzling school funds.

The educator, Celestine Sanders, who serves as principal at Adams Middle School in Wayne, was to be arraigned before 17th District Court Judge Kathleen J. McCann.

Sanders, 52, was to appear in the Livonia courtroom between the hours of 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. with her attorney at her side, according to a court official.

The change of court venue, from the city of Westland where the alleged embezzlement occurred, to Livonia, was necessitated because 18th District Court Judges, Gail McKnight, and C. Charles Bokos disqualified themselves from hearing the case because they apparently were acquaintances of the defendant.

Most of the teachers and students were in shock.

In fact, the two Westland judges conducted Law Day programs at Adams Middle School this year with Sanders in presence.

At her arraignment, Sanders will be asked by the judge to answer to the charges as they appear in the warrant. She is charged with 15 counts of embezzlement. The defendant may stand mute to the charge or enter a plea of "not guilty".

After the usually brief exchange between defendant and judge, the judge will set bond and a date for the defendant's next official court appearance, usually for the defendant's pre-trial examination.

McCann, assigned to hear the case by the State Court Administrative Office, may also ask the defendant if she would prefer that the prosecutor's case against her be heard in the 18th District Court.

Kenneth Frazier, of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, who successfully prosecuted the nine defendants in the Melody Theater racketeering case, signed the warrant for Sanders'

arrest.

Sanders has served as principal at Adams Middle School for seven years. She has been a Wayne-Westland board of education employee for 30 years. She was suspended, with pay, by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Greg Baracy, when the superintendent learned that Sanders was the target of a criminal investigation that involved the misuse of school funds.

Detective James Dexter is in charge of the case.

Most of the teachers and students were in shock, when they learned that Sanders may have been involved in embezzling of school funds.

Dive in! Bailey pool opens

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

Diving -- or belly flop -- season begins tomorrow when the Bailey Recreation Center Pool opens at noon tomorrow.

On fair days, the heated pool usually attracts 400 swimmers a day.

Regular hours are noon-3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. seven days a week, but hours are shortened until school gets out. Call (734) 722-7620 for times.

Cost per session is $2 per child and $3 per adult for residents, and $3 and $4 for non-residents. Resident season swim passes are $50 for the first family member and $35 for each additional one. Non-resident season passes are $70 for the first family member and $55 for each additional one.

The most economical swim is on Teen Night, 8-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, for $1.

The pool features a water slide limited to children 48 inches tall and above. For infants children, there is a baby proof pool.

Swimming lessons are available summer mornings, from 9 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday.

Kayak lessons are available for $90 per person beginning in the pool on the evening of June 22 and ending on the evening of July 13 at Kensington Metro Park.

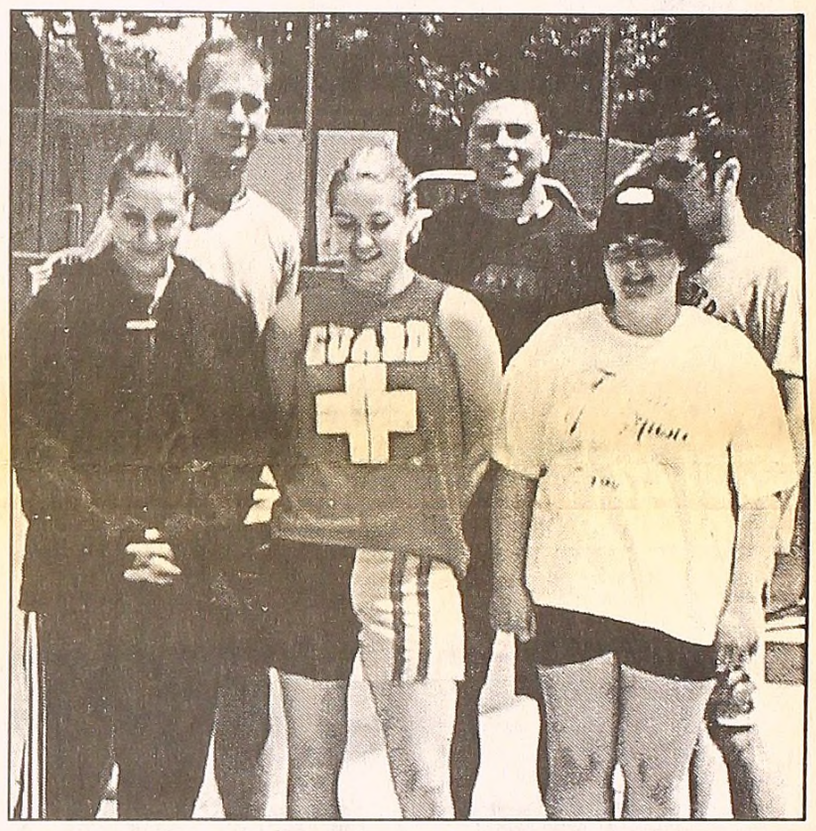
A few rules:

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

No flotation devices or toys will be allowed in the pool.

No cutoffs allowed in the pool.

And a suggestion: Bring a lock for the locker room.



All week Bailey lifeguards readied the pool for tomorrow's opening.
MCN photo by Ivan Helfman

School honors bosses

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Nearly 30 Romulus area business leaders were honored earlier this month by the Romulus Schools' School to Work program for helping employ 46 high school students.

Marilyn Hidenfelter, the work based learning coordinator at the high school, introduced Dr. Halyna Bialczyk of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) as the guest speaker for the breakfast celebration.

Bialczyk outlined how today's work world differs from those of yester year.

Bialczyk outlined how today's work world differs from those of yester year.

The breakfast was prepared and served by the Culinary Arts Class headed by teacher Charles Usztics and his assistant, Sue Saint Angelo.

Many veteran coop veteran "bosses" like Frank Lopez, owner of Aztec Manufacturing Co. joined in the annual recognition affair.

Mark Lewkowicz, owner of Landis Machine Shop in Romulus, is shown in top photo with his coop student Eric Remmer. In the bottom photo student Angela Hemphill is on hand to thank her employer David Blossom of Huron Valley Labs. MCN Special Photo

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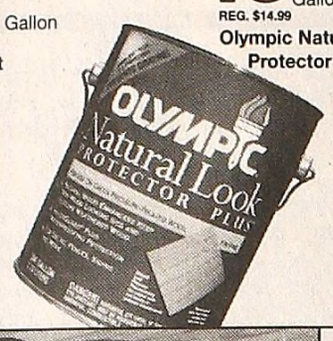

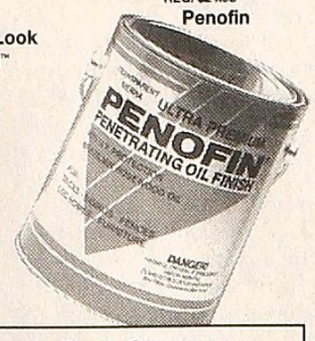

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Allen's celebrate golden anniversary

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Finis (Al) and Louise (Williams) Allen of Westland recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the home of their grandson Rob Allen in Jackson.

They were married on April 27, 1950 in Little Rock, Ark. They have three children: Ray (Ruth) Allen of California; Glen Allen of Jerome, MI. and David (Tammy) Allen of Flat Rock. They also have four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Finis Allen worked at E & L Transport for 35 years, retiring in 1983. He currently enjoys fishing and bird watching. His wife was a homemaker and she now enjoys doing arts and crafts.

Finis and Louise Allen

Both are members of the Church of the Nazarene in Westland.

Westland seniors planning picnic

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The annual Westland Friendship Center's summer picnic is slated from noon to 4 p.m. June 16 in Coburn Park (behind the center).

Only members of the center or Westland senior citizens are eligible to attend the picnic. The cost is $6 for center members and $9 for Westland residents.

Supervisor Barbara S. Marcum promises there will be plenty of live music, door prizes and games.

Marcum stresses that tickets are available at the front desk of the center only. Due to limited space no non-residents will be permitted, nor will card or class members.

Deadline for ticket sales is June 9. There will be no refunds for tickets.

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Raffle tickets will be available for a trip to Mackinac Island at the Westland Friendship Center's Country and Western Celebration in September.

The raffle tickets will cost $1 each or six for $5. Ticket holders do not have to be present at the celebration to win the trip.

The planned trip will be taken from Oct. 15-17.

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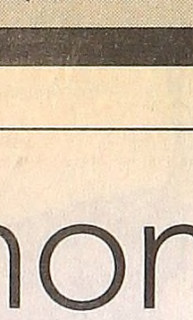

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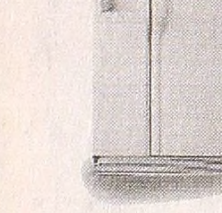

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Inkster Postal employees, along with some of the volunteers, helped collect 26,000 pounds of canned goods to help "Stand out Hunger". The annual drive is in conjunction with the national food drive to help the needy.

Postal employees help to 'Stamp out Hunger'

It was a huge success.

And in its aftermath, there come a huge "thank you" from Joseph K. Bodary, Inkster postmaster.

What the "thank you" is for is the community's participation in the annual Postal Services' drive to collect food for the needy.

The Inkster Post Office letter carriers collected approximately 26,000 pounds of canned and non-perishable food during their annual food drive staged this year on May 13.

And postal employees appreciate the community involvement in the program.

With the help of the community, the postal employees have managed to collect about 4000 pounds over the last year.

The food drive is in conjunction with the help "Stamp Out Hunger" drive staged nationally, according to Bodary.

"I want to thank each and every one of our residents who donated this year," the postmaster added. "All the donations from Inkster help to send a message that Inkster cares and is willing to help those in need."

The surrounding cities donated their collections to Gleaners, an organization that helps the indigent.

This year's drive was coordinated by Juan Bradford, an Inkster fire fighter who over the years has been involved in a wide range of programs that assist the needy.

Local and area residents who wish to continue to support the program are urged to contact the local post office or Bradford.

"I truly believe that with the continuous support of the people, we may someday help Stamp Out Hunger' in the city of Inkster," stressed Bodary.

Springhill Baptists celebrate milestone 53rd anniversary

By MAUDE REID
MCN Special Writer

The Senior Choir of Springhill Missionary Baptist Church in the city of Inkster recently celebrated its 53rd anniversary with a medley of activities and programs.

Program chair was Callie Allen, who did an exceptional job.

The theme for the milestone celebration was "Walking in the Light of God" with Psalm 119:105 as the supporting scripture.

The color scheme was white and gold.

The Senior Choir sang several songs and the audience was awe-stricken.

Joyce Phillips sang a solo, and representatives from Beulah Baptist and Amity Baptist churches rendered their versions of some of the Biblical classics.

Remarks were offered by Yvonne McIntosh, choir president; Bessie Carter, organist and director, and the Rev. Dr. Oscar R. Carter, pastor.

Other church officers of the choir include: Louise Edje, secretary; Jimmie Frazier, treasurer; Margaret Logan, chaplain, and Mark Payton, pianist.

The audience also enjoyed refreshments.

Also, the Zeta Nu Zeta of Inkster held its annual Buffet Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, May 20 at the Elias Brothers Big Boy on Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

There was an excellent turnout for the program.

Congresswoman Rivers to host science forum

U. S. Representative Lynn Rivers will host a forum entitled "Scientific Breakthroughs and Bioethics" from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. on June 1.

This educational forum will be held at Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building, Room 103. The college is located at 4800 East Huron River Drive., Ann Arbor.

Rivers, whose district includes Wayne and Inkster, has invited a variety of experts who will engage in what should be a fascinating dialogue on this very important topic.

After the initial presentations, panelists will be available to take questions from the audience.

Rivers invites all residents of the 13th Congressional District to come and participate in the forum.

Readers who have questions are encouraged to contact Deborah Johnson in the congresswoman's district office. Johnson may be reached at 734- 485-3741.

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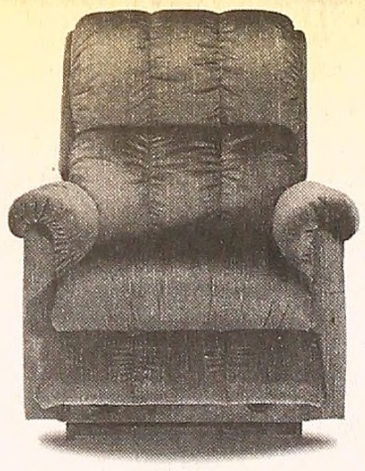

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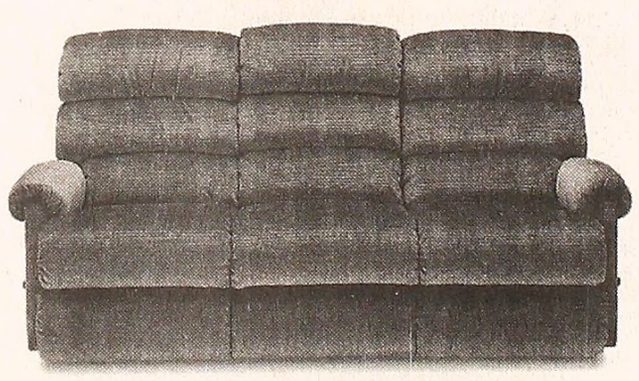

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Three political contests expected to be close

Although it is still a good 2.5 months from the primary, those running for political office are busy lining up supporters and raising money. Political races in Wayne, Westland, and Inkster appear to be highly competitive at this juncture.

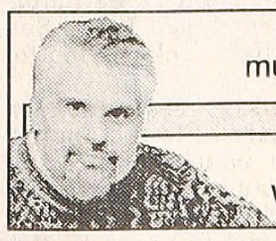
Getting out to one of the fastest starts in history is former Garden City Mayor Jim Plakas. Plakas is one of five Democrats running for the 22nd District House of Representatives seat being vacated by Tom Kelly due to term limitations. Plakas has a suitcase full of money and key support from Kelly, the UAW, Wayne Mayor Robert Dickerson and Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton.

Oddly enough, many people felt Kelly and Dickerson would be supporting former Wayne Mayor Ken Warfield. The trio spent many years together on the Wayne council, but, as the old saying goes, politics makes strange bedfellows," and for whatever reason, Warfield will have to get support elsewhere.

Don't feel sorry for Ken, however. He will be a formidable candidate. A popular politician in Wayne, Warfield will get his share of votes in the House district that includes Wayne, Inkster, and Garden City. Highly visible in Wayne and Inkster, Warfield's task will be to see that voters in those two cities do not abandon him for Plakas.

Just as interesting will be the 12th District County Commissioner race. Longtime incumbent Kay Beard is being challenged by current Westland Mayor Robert Thomas in the Democratic primary. The district that covers, Westland, Inkster and Garden City has known no other county representative as long as most of us can remember.

The affable Beard covers her district like a blanket, attending every function possible and taking care of constituent complaints in a timely manner. Somewhere along the line she apparently had a run-in with County Executive Edward McNamara who encouraged Thomas to run. Thomas, having nothing to lose because his four-year term as mayor continues until 2002, agreed.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox

Many though Beard and Thomas would change positions. In other words, rumors had it that Beard would run for mayor of Westland. However, Beard has emphatically denied these rumors to our reporters, thus setting up an exciting race for the county commission seat.

Term limitations in the 18th District have forced Eileen to retire and set up an interesting race for that House seat, that includes most of Westland. Leading Westland council vote-getter Glenn Anderson, running as a Democrat, may eventually take on the woman he has so adamantly defended for the last six months, fired Westland City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

That's right, ousted Clerk Gibbons announced her candidacy as a Republican, and will face one of her biggest supporters, Anderson. Interestingly enough, the ruling quorum on the Wesltand City Council.

Of course, Anderson must first beat Councilwoman Sharon Scott in the Democratic primary if the face off with Gibbons is to take place.

That ruling quorum, however, will look on with interest to see how much political power Brenda Gracin's recall group will wield. Will recall supporters get behind Gibbons' candidacy to seriously challenge the highly popular Anderson? Will they help Anderson defeat Scott, who they are trying to recall from the council? Will recall supporters work hard to defeat Robert Thomas?

There you have it. Three political races that promise to be as competitive as any political contests in recent history. In a year when presidential politics appears to be quite boring, plan on local candidates giving us all the excitement we need.

Where are the cyber-parents?

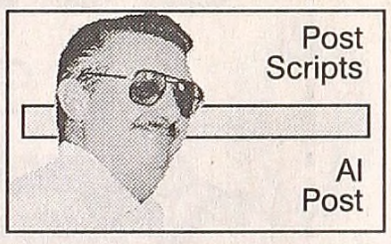
Once again last week Sheriff Robert Ficano's cyber-cops have nabbed a potential felon, who thought he was enticing a young girl into a sexual encounter in Western Wayne County.

Ironically the accused was a man who most of us would have thought was "safe" because he played the good-guy role in major health crisis situations.

The man – Alan Harris, 50, of Whitmore Lake -- ordinarily would be indeed considered a hero in today's society, because he flies helicopters in emergency cases for the University of Michigan Hospitals.

And yes even this time, he was indeed traveling in the "fast lane" and thought he had enticed a young girl to the beginning of his sexual dream at a popular fast-food restaurant on Michigan Avenue in Westland.

During the several days of sexual communications on the Internet, sheriff's deputies say Harris is accused of trying to talk the young teenager into convincing her parents that she was going to his private location as a babysitter.



Post Scripts

Al Post

Harris found out that the teen in reality was a strong undercover County Detective, who had other plans for Harris' future.

Harris now could face 7-15 years in prison if he is convicted of the charge of solicitation of a minor and solicitation on the Internet – both felonies.

Thus it has become quite obvious that Ficano's cyber-cops are doing their jobs well – as 19 such sexual predators have been nabbed in recent months.

The state Court of Appeals also is battling the problem forcefully as it recently upheld the Sheriff's Department's actions in such cases.

Last Sunday night the *Touched by an Angel* television show highlighted the problem as a family woe and actually the story line was written by a woman, who earlier gained notoriety by being involved in the "Monkey Business" political sexual caper that ended the presidential aspirations of Sen. Gary Hart.

That woman – then known as Donna Rice – has turned her life around and has now become a strong Christian anti-pornography leader.

But this column is not necessarily intended to praise Ficano, the courts or *Touched by an Angel* – although all should to be commended highly.

It is intended instead to ask today's parents and grandparents – what is more important -- your child's or grandchildren's safety or their privacy?

If you don't know the answer unfortunately your family's future -both good or bad – may be only a click away!

Support vets, military Sunday

In a better world, wars would be fought to insure peace.

No veterans' lives would be wasted. The ultimate sacrifice would only be made to defend freedom or to demonstrate that justice triumphs over evil.

Back at home, the fallen vets would be honored and respected. Memorial Day parades would flourish.

But the world is neither better or worse, it's only a world where wars rage out of control, veterans often die in vain, and not enough Memorial Day parades are held.

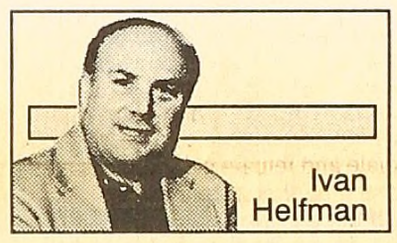
Fortunately Western Wayne County has the Wayne-Westland parade Sunday at one o'clock, marching from Cherry Hill, down Wayne Road, and ending at the Veterans Memorial in Wayne, next to the library.

Featuring veterans, marching bands from Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools, scout troops, and Wayne-Westland's Junior Miss, it will be worth watching.

Believing in Memorial Day Parades, I want to encourage readers who share my enthusiasm to turn out and reverse the decline in attendance.

"We're looking for a bigger turnout," said Dennis Wallot, state commander of the Order of the Purple Heart during 1999, treasurer now. "Please let people know that boy scouts will be handing out big American flags a half hour before the parade.

Wallot, a Belleville resident who runs a tax and financial service in Westland, won two purple hearts in Vietnam, first when he fell onto pointed sticks in a pungee pit. Second when he was shot on September 30, 1966.



Ivan Helfman

The second wound ended his combat tour.

"They sent me to Japan and Valley Forge Hospital for a year and then home," he said. "I'm glad I served in Vietnam and feel fortunate to come home."

Now he has an artificial leg, arthritis in every bone in his body, and has been on medication for 30 years.

When he returned, the government paid for his college education, preparing him for his successful career.

In the meantime he remained loyal to veterans, helping less fortunate ones through the Michigan Order of the Purple Heart, a charitable organization that recently gave away 19 nursing school scholarships, collects and distributes clothes to vets, and tries to help all vets, many of whom have been abandoned.

"It's a shame," he said. "I did a tour of the state and a lot of these veterans are forgotten in hospitals."

"Why?" I asked.

"Right now, unless there's a war, 20-year-old kids don't know about veterans," he said. "The country lost patriotism after Vietnam. Now we have soldiers in 133 countries and we have to send National Guard troops to Bosnia."

Wallot said that people can contribute to the Order of the Purple Heart by calling 800-582-0079.

But what can people do to support the military.

One thing is to contact US Rep. Lynn Rivers, who Wallot says supports veterans "100 percent."

Thursday morning I had a chance to talk to Rivers at one of the coffee klatches she hosts for residents.

I had contacted her to find out how she voted on the recent measure to bring the troops home from Kosovo by a certain date unless our European allies begin to pay their share of the mission's cost in money and manpower. With the United States carrying our allies, many of them rich and boasting large armies, the burden falls on our poorly paid, overworked soldiers.

The measure passed the House but failed in the Senate.

If more citizens spend Memorial Day honoring our veterans and respecting our military, perhaps enough citizens in other congressional districts will begin to pay as much attention to military and foreign affairs as the people who live in our district and elected Rivers to, in part, watch over our shortchanged soldiers and forgotten veterans.

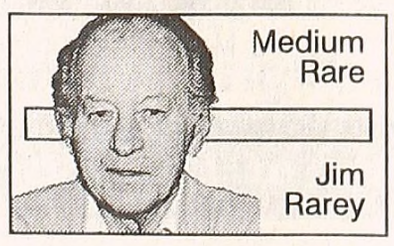
Unions can be own worst enemies

Once in a while a provision in a union contract or a grievance filed by a union unfairly reflects on all unions as greedy and unreasonable. One such instance was reported in the May 21st Detroit News.

The firefighters' union in Warren has filed a grievance for a rookie fireman who is claiming a 10 percent premium over his base pay for the rest of his career simply because he worked one eight-hour shift as a paramedic.

The rookie fireman is the nephew of a Warren City Councilman, who supports the grievance.

A current Warren Fire Commissioner disputes that interpretation of the union contract (which has expired) saying it would be an abuse of the system.



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

According to the News article, Warren has 45 of its 179 firefighters collecting the 10 percent paramedic premium. Of the 45, four are no longer assigned to paramedic duty. All four hold the rank of captain. Those four would seem to set the precedent to support the rookie's grievance.

Of course, as the saying goes, "it takes two to tango." Why would a city council approve a union contract, negotiated by the administration, containing such a ludicrous provision? That smacks of a "rubber stamp" council.

> *Warren still allows firemen to "fill in" for each other so sick days and leaves are not used.*

Warren just recently revoked a policy that allowed firefighters to take a one-day promotion the day before retirement to increase the base for their pensions. Some retired with pensions higher than their best base pay during their careers.

Warren still allows firemen to "fill in" for each other so sick days and leaves are not used. The stockpiled or "banked" days are then added to their base pay in calculating pensions.

As rare as this kind of abuse is, it partly explains the reluctance of some towns with volunteer (non-union) fire departments to convert to full-time (unionized) departments.

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Letters from our readers

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Beloved pig's death moves Moore to ponder 'sensationalism'

Dear Editor:

When I read Mr. and Mrs. Mario Gracin's letter to the editor in the Thursday's Observer, I became very angry. I was angry because they portray me as someone who lacks character. Anyone who knows me, and these people do not, would know this is just not true.

I was going to write a scathing response to be read at Monday's Westland City Council meeting. Then I found out something on Saturday that changed my mind. My beloved pet, an innocent pawn in this little political game of "let's make the city council bend to our wishes," died. A family member, whose only drawback was that he was not a traditional pet [*a potbellied pig – Ed.*], died five days after we moved him away from us. He quit eating and drinking, he died of loneliness.

I then began to think about all the pawns in this little power game and who really stands to win in this situation. One of these winners is the newspaper. The more scandal, the more deception, the more fighting sells papers. Out of our two local papers the biggest winner would be the Michigan Community Newspaper.

Sensationalism always sells, and this paper, in particular, needs all the help it can get. Mr. and Mrs. Mario Gracin's letter brings up the "We the People" group and correct and inform me the "We the People" have not been formalized. I had not spoken on "We the People" anywhere in public and the letter that had been published in the paper did not mention "We the People". Now I did write a letter in which my subject was the "We the People" group. It did not get published until Sunday. I read Mr. and Mrs. Mario Gracin's response to my letter (not yet published) in the Thursday Observer. How could Mr. & Mrs. Mario Gracin even know about my letter four days before it was published? Did someone affiliated with the newspapers give Mr. & Mrs. Mario Gracin my letter? Why? More fireworks?

It does sell newspapers!

I would like to mention another group of winners. How about Patricia Gibbons running for state representative. Patricia Gibbons, whose biggest supporter on the council has been Glen Anderson. Mrs. Gibbons running against Mr. Anderson? I don't think so. I believe that both Mrs. Gibbons and Mr. Anderson may go through the gymnastics of running a campaign, but one of them will drop out, and ask all of their supporters, (who are all Mrs. Gibbon's sympathizers) to support the other candidate. It will truly be a sad day for the citizens of Westland, who on blind trust for these two people, support the other candidate. We are the pawns.

Another group of winners would be the mayoral hopefuls. Again, at the expense of the Westland citizens. We are the pawns.

The City of Westland is losing so much because of this turmoil. Mr. and Mrs. Mario Gracin brought up in their letter, "united you stand, divided you fall." This is exactly what is happening in Westland. This council and administration are so busy defending themselves, anything positive falls by the wayside. I urge everyone to really think about what is going on here.

My biggest request is to ask everyone to think through the reasons for the Sharon Scott recall. The Wayne County prosecutor gave his opinion that no wrongdoing occurred. The Westland Observer had a huge byline back in March stating this. The Attorney for the City of Westland stated that Mr. Griffin acted within his duties of council president in his handling of the Patricia Gibbons matter. Brenda Gracin, stated in the Observer, even before the prosecutor's opinion was rendered, that even if the Wayne County prosecutor came back with an opinion that there was no wrongdoing, she would still continue with the recall. How can you recall someone when they haven't done anything wrong? You don't recall someone just because you do not like a decision they make.

If you are unsure as to why you should or should not sign a recall petition against Sharon Scott, please contact me. I will tell you why it is not in the best interest for the City of Westland. Please don't let yourself become a pawn in this little game. We will all lose something dear should this happen.

Sincerely,
Robin Moore

Romulus fire department controversy confusing

To the Editor:

I'm a little confused about the recent controversy surrounding the Romulus Fire Department. I am not aware that there exists any serious problem with the operations of the Fire Department. I am not aware of any fire situation that was not responded to or extinguished or of any rescue run that was ignored. Speaking as someone who once was involved in the Romulus Fire Department under a former Fire Chief and as the wife of the Captain of Fire station #2, I know first-hand of the hard work care, dedication, and dependability of our Firefighters.

Unlike full-time Fire Department whose members tend to become all too consumed by such things as wage increases, health, retirement, and pension benefits, attendance and discipline matters, residency, etc., the Romulus Firefighters are, on the other hand, consumed with dedication and concern for their community. When they respond to an emergency situation, they do so out of a personal sense of duty and commitment. And they do this because they care. Never have they responded to a scene and found themselves in a position where they could not pump water as was the case with the City of Detroit's full-time Fire Department. In comparison to some full-time departments comparable to our community, our equipment is top-notch. We have the latest technology, equipment and personal safety gear. The safety of the firefighters always has and I'm sure still is as important as the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and community. Our part-paid volunteers are given the exact same training as any full-time department gives its firefighters and our guys obtain this training on their own time.

Whenever there is a major incident in other communities such as Wayne, Taylor or at the Airport, these Departments do not hesitate to call in our Romulus Firefighters. These other communities know that they can count on these very fine individuals to drop whatever they are doing, no matter what time of the day or night, and just come a-running. A classic example of this is when Flight 255 went down at Metro or the fuel tank farm fire in Taylor, or the large fire on Michigan Avenue in Wayne, Michigan.

Several years ago, a study was done by a former Fire Chief into the feasibility of starting up a full-time department. Each of our fire stations would have had to be significantly altered to accommodate both male and female personnel as mandated by the State even back then. The liability insurance itself would have been terribly costly for such a small community as ours. The City would have had to significantly raise the taxes of our citizens and for absolutely no additional benefit. It was easily determined that the cost was very prohibitive when taking into consideration the tax base of our community and that people do not like high taxes.

This city has not changed that much since that study was done. We would still not receive any better coverage; as a matter of fact, we would have less coverage, because the City could only afford to have 2 or 3 men per shift per station. The City would still have to keep the part-paid volunteers to augment the coverage. Just how fair would it be to these individuals who have given so much for so long to now fight fires along side a full-time firefighter with the same training, doing the same job who is being paid a handsome salary but the part-paid volunteer is given what amounts to nothing more than gas money. I for one feel that the City could find a better use for my tax dollar then to spend it on a full-time fire department that does not give me any more bang for my buck than what I already have with our current fire department.

I've been talking with quite a few of our firefighters and they seem to be happy with their Fire Department just as it is. Most do not want to give up their regular job and wish to continue their fire fighting activities during their off-work hours. There should never be a problem with coverage because where one station on rare occasions may be short 1 or 2 people during any particular time of the day, there is still the firefighters from the other three fire stations who will always fill in. To the 2 or 3 individuals who may be unhappy with their regular job (if they even have one) and who love being a firefighter so much that they want to be on a full-time department. I would suggest that these people apply for a job as a firefighter at a full-department where money, benefits and career are the priority. As for me, I'll take a committed, caring, dedicated, well-trained group of volunteers who reside right here in our own company.

Now, if I have missed the mark with regard to just what all the fuss is about, I would appreciate knowing just what is it that makes people think that this community would be better off with a full-time fire department that would probably boost the cost to the City by 300 to 400% without providing any additional actual benefit or sense of comfort.

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The Effects of Age on the Teeth and Mouth

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A: As people get older, there are many changes the body will go through. Quite a few of these affect the mouth and teeth. We have all heard of the saying, "long in the tooth", to refer to someone who is elderly. Well, that is a reference to the periodontal disease which so often affects the elders of our population. Periodontal, or gum disease, is a progressive loss of the bones and gum tissue which attach the teeth to the mouth. Gum disease is not an inevitable part of growing older, but is certainly more prevalent among the elderly.

Dry mouth is also a common problem seen in older individuals. This so often is a direct result of multiple medications taken by the elderly. These medicines, while necessary for maintenance of overall health, often will have the side effect of reducing the salivary flow in themouth. As a result of this, patients with dry mouth are more susceptible to cavities, especially on the exposed roots of their teeth.

These are just tow of the multiple problems which older individuals may face with their teeth and mouth. In the coming weeks, I will take a look at some of these other concerns.

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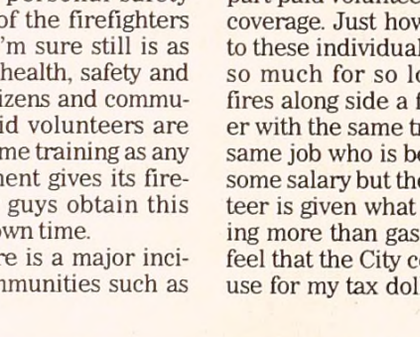

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Salvation Army couple switched to Des Moines

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Salvation Army Lts. Steven and Lorrie Schleicher, who have been undergoing commander training for the past year in Romulus, have been transferred to Des Moines, Iowa.

The couple will assume command of a Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center there, according to Romulus ARC Commander Brian Merritt.

It also was announced by Merritt that Majors Terry and Sharon Nelson will be arriving for duty at the Romulus ARC facility on June 21.

They will assume the role of associate commanders at the ARC complex located at Middlebelt and Van Born Roads in Romulus.

Local community activist Larry Williams remains as the ARC's advisory council chairman.

The complex includes the ARC's headquarters offices, large chapel, domestic living areas for over 70 men undergoing substance abuse treatment, a sorting and distribution area for local Salvation Army Thrift Stores and one of those thrift stores.

Money raised from sale of thrift store items is the main source of funding for the ARC treatment program.

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The **Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit** is planning a singles dance for Catholics over 21 years of age tomorrow night at 8:30 p.m.

The dance will take place at the Holiday Inn Livonia West at 6 Mile, between I-275 and Newburgh Road. Music will be provided by a D.J. and attire will be casual.

Admission is $8 and a cash bar is offered.

For more information call Julie at 734-844-2468.

The Catholic Club is also offering outdoor volleyball every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and outdoor tennis every Sunday (except June 18th).

For more information on the volleyball events call Rita at 248-336- 0391 and for the tennis events call Tom at 248-547-5884.

Departing Salvation Army Lts. Steven and Lorrie Schleicher are shown with Romulus ARC Commander Brian Merritt (left).

'Old time religion' is offered

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Some "good old time religion" preaching and singing of gospel hymns is now being offered at the new Liberty Baptist Church, 30929 Ecorse Road in Romulus.

Pastor Tim McCoy revealed the church now is small, but its vision is large.

McCoy quotes Proverbs 29:18 as warning "Where there is no vision, the people perish!"

He added "our vision is to see a great independent, fundamental, Bible-believing Baptist Church built in the Romulus area.

"With a vision to reach the youth, to have good clean activities for them while they are taught the word of God," he stated.

Church services include: Sunday School at 10 a.m., Preaching Hour at 11 a.m. and Sunday evening service at 6 p.m.

In addition a Bible study is offered at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

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COOK, ROBERT WAYNE Age 53, of Westland, passed away on May 12, 2000. Dear mother of Christine and Robert. Also survived by 1 sister, 1 nephew, and 1 niece. Services were held on May 17. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home of Westland.

ELKINS, CHARLES MORRIS Age 81, of Westland, passed away May 10, 2000. Beloved husband of the late Alene Whitescarver. Survived by 1 son Bobby Joe, 1 daughter Brenda Cheryl, 1 brother, 3 granddaughters, 4 grandsons, 3 great-grandsons and 3 great-granddaughters. Services were held May 13. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

FEHERVARY, EVA IRENE Age 79, of Wayne, died May 16, 2000. Beloved wife of Joseph. Dear mother of Deborah, and Pamela Sanders. Grandmother of Brenda, Steven, and Wendy. Great-Grandmother of Tabitha and Carrie. Dear sister of Mildred Coulson. Funeral Service arranged by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 34567 Michigan Avenue Wayne, Michigan. Interment at St. Helen Cemetery in St. Helen Michigan

FOGG, TAMERA M. Age 41, of Westland, passed away on May 18, 2000. Beloved daughter of John and Nan. Survived by 1 sister, 2 nephews, aunts and uncles. Services were held on May 23. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

GAFRANEK, MARIA Age 91, of Barbourville, Kentucky, passed away on May 17, 2000. Survived by daughter-in-law Gloria and 2 grandchildren. Services were held May 20. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home of Westland.

GREEN, THOMAS RICHARD Age 66, of Highland, MI died April 25, 2000. He was born September 20, 1933 in Mineral Springs, Pennsylvania.
He is survived by his wife, Edna, of 40 years. His sons, Thomas of Milford and Timothy (Laura) of Dearborn Heights. His two granddaughters, Alicia and Maria. Also surviving are three brothers, Howard, Gary, Bill, and two sisters, Deanna and Audrey. Brother Brent preceded him in death. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends.
Tom was a graduate of Wayne High School Class of 1951 and remained very active with class activities. Over time he belonged to the Wayne Barbershopers, the Wayne-Westland Hartland Square Dance Club and the National Square Dance Campers Ass'n.
He was cremated and a memorial service was held on May 5, 2000 at Bakers of Milford. Memorial contributions can be made to the Wayne High Schools Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, PO Box 703, Wayne, MI 48184 or to the Highland Township Public Library, PO Box 277, Highland, MI 48357.

KUBIK, FRANK J. Age 87, of Canton, passed away on May 16, 2000. Beloved husband of the late Ellen Eisner Kubik. Survived by 1 son Ronald, 1 daughter Judy, 5 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Services were held on May 19. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

MARHOFER, SUSAN MARIE Age 45, of Canton, passed away May 15, 2000. Beloved wife of David. Survived by 1 step-daughter Jessica, 2 step-sons Christopher and Joshua, and 2 brothers. Services were held May 19. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home of Westland.

MILLER, BERTHA J. Age 80, of Wayne, passed away on May 11, 2000. Beloved wife of the late Willard. Survived by 1 daughter Willamina, 2 brothers, and 1 sister. She has 1 son Willard II, 1 brother, and 1 sister that are previously passed away. Services were held on May 15. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

NABORS, JEREMY RAY
Age 28, of Belleville, passed away May 4, 2000. Beloved son of Deanna Wheeler and the late Eugene M. Nabors and step-father Raymond Wheeler. Survived by his 2 sons Andrew Nabors, and Jeremy Ray Nabors Jr., 1 daughter Deanna Nabors, 1 brother, and 1 half-sister. Services were held on Monday, May 8th. Funeral arranged by Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

RAISON, GERTRUDE M. Age 88, of Novi, passed away on May 12, 2000. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Raison. Dear mother of Richard Raison and the late James Raison. Also survived by 2 granddaughters, 5 great-grandchildren, and 2 daughters-in-law Shirley and Diane.

RENKE, LORRAINE P. Age 69, of San Diego, passed away on May 15, 2000. survived by 2 brothers Phillip and Ray Renke of Romulus, and 1 sister Genevieve Dugan of Romulus. Services were held May 19. Arrangements by Crane Funeral Home of Romulus.

RUEHLE, ISABEL D.
Age 90, of Livonia, passed away May 10, 2000. Beloved mother of Norman (Diane) Ruehle. Also survived by 1 sister, 3 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Services were held on May 13. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home of Westland.

SAVAGE, AGNES E. Age 97, of Belleville, passed away on May 15, 2000. Beloved wife of the late Gerald Savage. Dear mother of Shirleyann (John), Donna (Tom), Geraldine (Doug), and Nick (Barb). Also survived by 2 sisters, 22 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, 5 great, great-grandchildren. Services were held on May 17. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville.

WAGNER, JEAN M. Age 77, of Westland, passed away on May 12, 2000. Beloved husband of Dorothy M. Wagner. Survived by 1 daughter Janice (Dan) Partello, 1 son Stephen (Coleen) Wagner, 2 brothers, and 1 granddaughter. Services were held on May 16. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home of Westland.

WILLIAMS, STONEY LEE Age 34, of Louisiana, passed away on May 14, 2000. Dear father of Travis and Brian. Also survived by 1 sister and 5 brothers. Services were held on May 20. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville.

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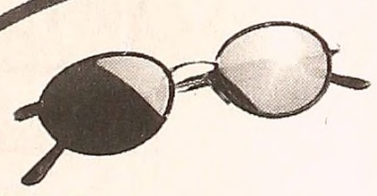

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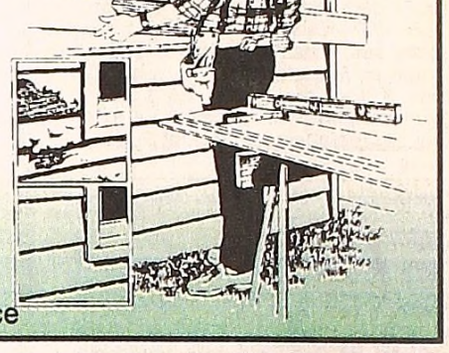

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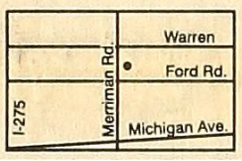

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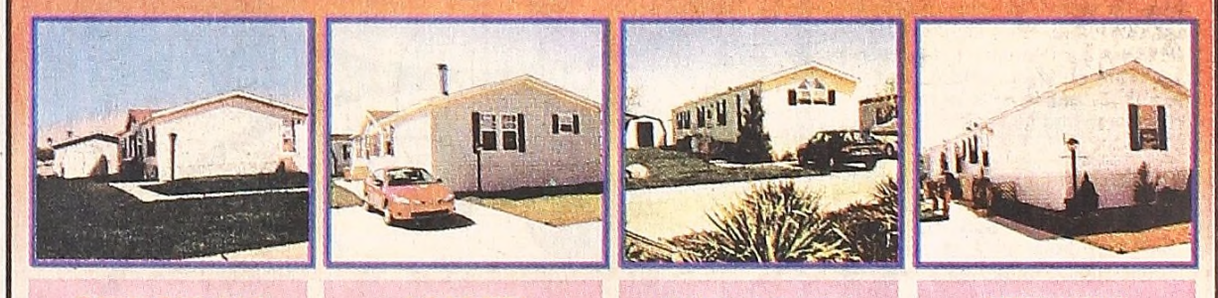

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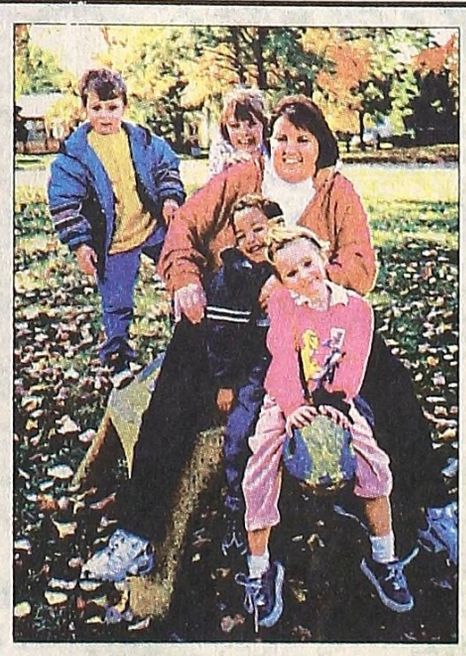

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A tough act to follow

Woodard is named as head basketball coach at Wayne Memorial

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

In an anticipated move, Athletic Director Bill Hawley this week named Wayne Woodard as the head basketball coach at Wayne Memorial.

In a terse statement, Hawley noted that "Mr. Woodard is the best person for the job. He has been an assistant coach on Coach Henry's staff and also with the team for more than 10 years. He knows the players, and he has the credentials to carry on the excellent tradition established by his predecessor."

Woodard replaces Chuck Henry, a coaching icon who resigned earlier this year to accept a coaching position with a Canton private school where his children attend school.

At the time of his resignation, Henry stressed that he had always wanted to coach his children, and the new position would afford him the opportunity to do so.

Woodard will have a tough act to follow. Henry is one of the most successful basketball coaches the area has produced. His teams have made at least four appearances in the state quarter and semifinals.

A 1980 product of Westland John Glenn where he lettered in basketball, Woodard is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University where he majored in education.

He served as a junior high basketball coach in the Wayne-Westland Community School District before he joined Henry's staff as an assistant coach.

For the past dozen years Woodard has had an opportunity to hone his coaching skills under a master of the trade and in a conference - the Mega Conference, Red Division that is not only noted for its outstanding basketball talent but also for its coaches.

Woodard, who is married to Michele, is a social studies teacher at Wayne Memorial.

Season's opener

Westland John Glenn football coach Chuck Gordon left the sidelines for the mound last week to toss out the first pitch on opening day of the Westland Youth Athletic Association baseball and softball season. Waiting with a smile to take over the mound duties is WYAA's Rob Schirig. The WYAA began its 43rd year - 33 of baseball - last Saturday. WYAA officials say that this year there are 52 boys and girls baseball and softball teams, about 600 kids, who have registered to play in the league. That figure represents a record number of young athletes playing in the WYAA.

Glenn captures Taylor tourney baseball title

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Back-to-back victories on Saturday over Truman and Kennedy gave Westland John Glenn the Taylor Invitational Baseball title.

It was, as Glenn coach Todd Duffield pointed out after the victory over Kennedy, "something this team needed."

"We've been down and these two wins, in fact, this entire week, our team has been playing the way we all knew it could."

Glenn won 3 of its 4 games last week, beginning with a 13-12 triumph over North Farmington. Then, the Rockets lost to Walled Lake Western, 4-1, and came back and edged Taylor Truman, 6-5, before beating Kennedy, 1-0, behind sophomore righthander Nate Campbell's five- hitter.

In the title game, Campbell was matched against Jon Lunsford, who held the Westlanders to four hits but was the victim of his teammates' four costly errors.

Campbell fanned five and walked three in picking up the win, while Lundsford struck out 4 and walked only one. The Kennedy pitcher gave up what proved to be the winning run in the top of the fourth when Jeff Koslowski singled, raced to second with Brandon Ajlouni's base hit. With runners on first and second, Dave Holloway laced a grounder to second which was booted and allowed Koslowski to score. Ajlouny and Holloway were left stranded, as were eight other Glenn base runners, on base.

"We are still not capitalizing on our opportunities," Duffield stressed.

In the opening round of the invitational, Glenn turned back Truman, 6- 5, as Tom Howard started for the Rockets on the mound but was removed after he was tagged for nine of Taylor's 11 hits and three runs.

Howard was replaced by Jeff Mitchell who pitched the

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Perfect week for Romulus

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

> *"We're coming of age at the right time."*
> **- Keith Brothers**

It doesn't get any better than it did last week for baseball coach Keith Brothers and the Romulus Eagles.

The Eagles swept all three of their games, including a victory over Mega Gold title hopeful, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, last week. The three victories lifted the Eagles to an impressive 7-2 record in the Mega Gold, but even Brothers is ready to admit that his club has little, if any, hopes of catching undefeated divisional leader, Dearborn Fordson.

"Fordson must still play Crestwood and that should be an interesting game, but they (Fordson) will wrap up the conference campaign against Robichaud and Robichaud definitely will be the underdog in this one."

Brothers added that the three wins last week gave his ball club a psychological lift "just in time for the upcoming playoffs."

"We're coming of age at the right time. I feel this team is ready for the playoffs."

Romulus is assigned to the district playoffs at Riverview where four other teams, including two from the Detroit Public Schools will be competing for the district championship and the right to advance to the regional playoffs at Carleton-Airport. **(See related story on this page.)**

In a game rescheduled for Saturday due to last Friday's rains, Romulus stunned Crestwood, 4-2, as senior pitcher Robert Belcher scattered eight Crestwood hits, struck out one and walked one for the victory.

"Belcher pitched a great game," commented Brothers, who added that the team would need similar performances if the club is to survive

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Robichaud, Divine Child to clash at pre-district

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Short on players and experience, Robichaud baseball coach Richard Orsetti didn't need any more bad news.

The young Robichaud coach got it on Monday as his Bulldogs drew district title favorite, Divine Child, in a pre-district tune up. The Falcons entered the final week of the regular season with an enviable 24-3 overall record.

The winner of the D.C.-Robichaud game will advance to the semifinal round of the district playoffs hosted by Monroe Jefferson the first week of June.

The Bulldogs may also go into battle without several of their key players and pitching ace.

Pitcher Marcus Johnson, whose arm the Bulldogs were counting on for the upcoming Class B district playoffs, complained of a sore arm while on the mound against Crestwood and was yanked in the early innings.

> *"We are very short on players."*
> **- Richard Orsetti**

Crestwood crushed their cross-town rivals in the Mega-Gold divisional game.

"We are very short on players," said Orsetti, who is heading down the stretch with a 2-7 Mega-Gold Conference record and into the playoffs with a roster that spells disaster.

The Bulldogs had a disastrous week. They were "mercied" by River Rouge and Crestwood in a week also abbreviated by incessant rain fall.

Rouge made short-work out of the Bulldogs and starter Tony Lewis. The Panthers came away with a 16-1 victory in a game stopped after five complete innings due to the mercy rule.

Then, in their next outing, with Johnson on the mound, Robichaud managed to give the Chargers something to think about for three innings, then fell apart after Johnson left the game complain about a sore arm.

Crestwood handed the Bulldogs a 20-1 setback.

Others seeking the Monroe Jefferson district title include: Crestwood, River Rouge and Redford Township Thurston.

In the pre-district phase of the playoffs, Robichaud will have the dubious honor and the first-shot at D.C. The game is tenetatively scheduled for 4 p.m. on May 30. The game will be played at Monroe Jefferson and the winner will advance to the June 3 semifinal round.

Romulus draw bye at Riverview district

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

As the luck of the draw would have it, Romulus drew a bye in the first round of the district baseball playoffs at Riverview.

The bye gives coach Keith Brothers and the Eagles a ticket to the semifinals, scheduled for Saturday, June 3 at the downriver high school's diamond.

Riverview is located at 12431 Longsdorf Street.

"I am looking for a couple of games to keep our kids sharp for the playoffs," said Brothers. "We don't have anyone on our schedule for next week."

The two pre-district match ups pair Detroit Southeastern with host Riverview, and Dearborn Heights Annapolis will face Allen Park.

Brothers' Eagles will play the opening game, at 10 a.m. (June 3) against the winner of the Southeastern-Riverview game; the 12:30 p.m. contest is slated between Southwestern and the winner of the Annapolis-Allen Park game.

The district championship at Riverview will be decided at 3 p.m. The district champ will advance to play in the regional playoffs hosted by Carleton Airport.

D. C. favored to win

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It's a waiting game.

River Rouge, Crestwood and Thurston will wait on the sidelines to see who they will play in the semifinals of the Class B district playoffs at Monroe Jefferson.

The "top-seed" has to be Dearborn Divine Child at the Monroe district. The Falcons, 24-3 on the season, should have no problem ending the season for Dearborn Heights Robichaud. The two area rivals clash at 4 p.m. on May 30 in the pre-district qualifying game.

The winner of the D.C.-Robichaud game will take on River Rouge at 9 a.m. June 3 in

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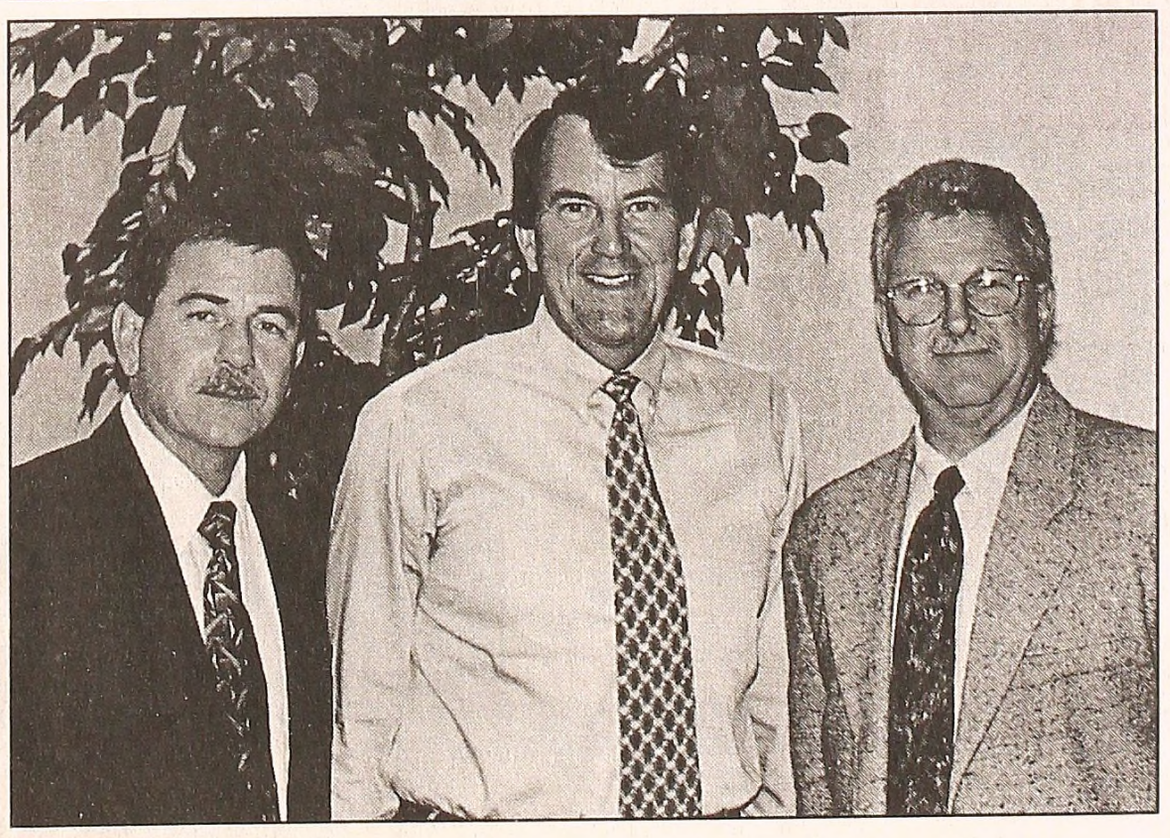

Back in town

Lloyd Carr, (center) who nelped build the foundation for one of the most successful high school football programs in the area as head coach at Westland John Glenn, and has had phenomenal success as head football coach at the University of Michigan, was in town recently to help raise funds for the Romulus Boys-Girls' Club. Speaking to a group of approximately 250, coach Carr used as the basis of his motivational speech the importance of getting involved in programs that help children and becoming role models for them. Pictured with coach Carr in the above photo are Romulus Boys-Girls' Club Director Frank Rigger (left) and club volunteer John Juriga. The program helped to raise $5,000 for the club and was held in the Doubletree Restaurant in the city of Romulus.

Brinkeroff golf benefit is June 10

Belleville High School Athletic Department officials will host their second annual golf outing in tribute of the life and work of Greg Brinkeroff, a former teacher and an outstanding all-around athlete.

Brinkeroff recently lost his battle against cancer.

Friends and associates are hosting a four-person scramble, beginning at 9 a.m. on June 10 at the Eagle Crest Golf Course, located adjacent to Eastern Michigan University Marriott Course.

Organizers say there is a limit of 36 foursomes. The deadline to register for the scramble is June 2.

Individual outing tickets are $85 per person. The entry fee includes green's fees and cart, opening driving range, continental breakfast refreshments, lunch at the turn and awards after the golfing.

For more information, please contact the Belleville High School Athletic Department, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, Mich. 48111. The telephone number for the AD's Office is 734-697-0016.

Sports Beat

Here's what is happening on the **Sports Beat** this week:

Wayne High is site of summer hoop camp

Under the coaching and guidance of veteran coach **Chuck Henry**, Wayne Memorial will host its popular summer basketball camps next month.

The camps will be conducted at Wayne Memorial's Alumni Arena beginning Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23 for grades 5 through 10. The first 40 campers who pay their registration fees will receive a basketball and shirt.

Registration is $50 per player. Please make checks payable to: **Charles Henry**.

For more information about the summer camps, please contact **Coach Henry** at 734-398-5975.

WBA is seeking baseball teams

Officials at the **Wayne Baseball Association** are seeking baseball teams for its 14th annual Late Summer Classic Tournament.

The dates for the summer classic are July 28-July 30, and team rosters should be made up of players in the 13-14 age group.

There is a July 17 deadline to register for this tournament.

WBA officials say that there also will be awards presented to teams that finish first and second. A rules' meeting will be held on July 19 at the Wayne Baseball Building, located at 34630 Annapolis, in Wayne.

Mail team entry forms and fees payable to the Wayne Baseball Association in C/O: **Jeff Auer,**, 4814 Princess, Dearborn Heights, Mich. 48125.

Officials also announced that the WBA has set June 3 as the Opening Day for the Year 200 season.

The WBA is also looking for a few qualified baseball umpires. If you have questions, you may also want to contact **Dave Schofield** at 734-326-9747.

MHSAA seeks record data

Ther Michigan High School Athletic Association is in the process of updating its record book, which usually appears with the MHSAA annual Book of Champions.

We are truly lacking in several sports, in spiute of our best efforts to encourage schools and coaches association to assist us in this endeavor," says Andy Frushour, MHSAA official.

Among those sports that MHSAA is seeking career stats are hockey, boys and girls soccer and girls volleyball.

Readers may contact the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, Mich. 48823. Or telephone 517-332-5046. Fax information to 517-332- 4071.

Hoop City USA hosts tourney

Hoop City USA is seeking local teams for its 5-on-5 youth basketball tournament which will be staged June 10-11 at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

The tournament is open to both boys and girls third through 12th grades.

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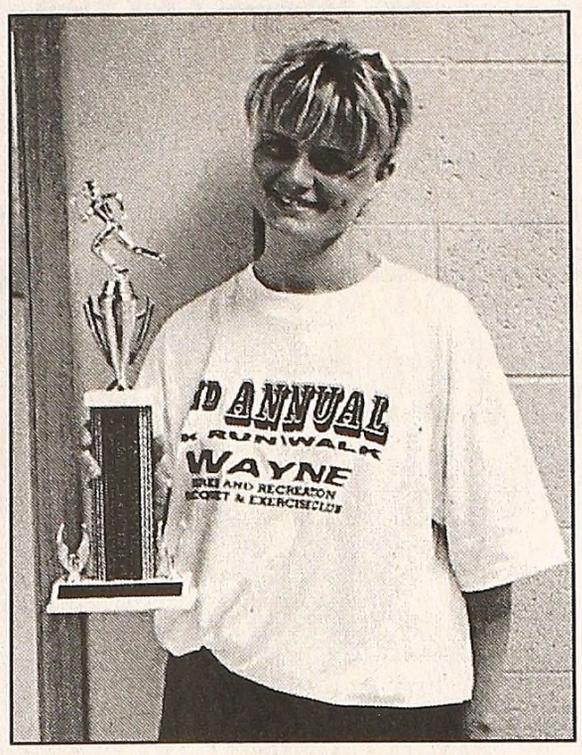

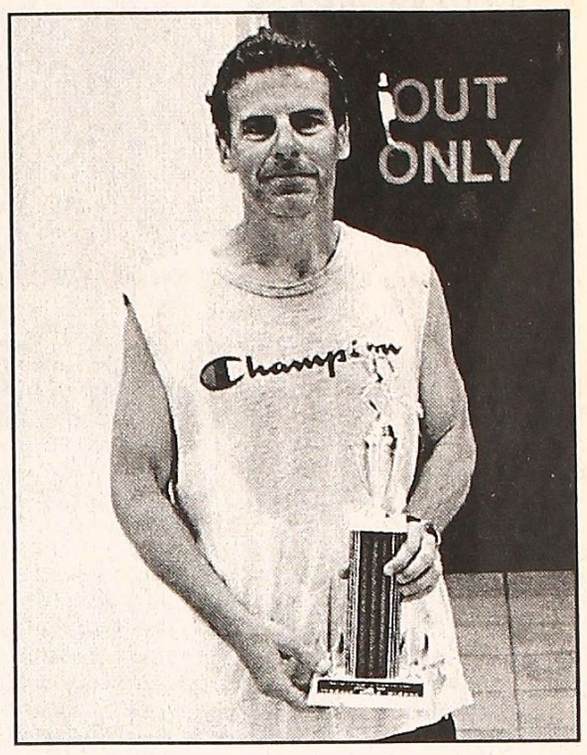

They finished first

It was exciting right down to the finish line and Fred Heldmeyer (above at right) finished first with a time of 18:17 in the Wayne Parks and Recreation's Second Annual 5-K Run & Walk race. Holly Haddell crossed the finish line first in the field of women runners. Haddell's winning time was 25.22. The story is on **Page 3-B**.

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the first of two semis scheduled at Monroe Jefferson. In the second game, Redford Thurston squares off against a capable Crestwood squad. The Chargers are running best to Dearborn Fordson in the Mega Conference, Gold Division and may surprise would-be district title hopefuls at Monroe.

The two semifinal winners will play for the championship at 3 p.m. on June 3.

"It isn't the best of draws for us," noted Robichaud coach Richard Orsetti, "but you can tell them that we will show up to play."

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Romulus

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the district.

But in action last week, Romulus looked unbeatable.

The Eagles got to Crestwood starter and loser Scotty Mushinski for two runs in the second inning after the Chargers took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

In Romulus' second, Ryan Block ignited the rally with a lead off single. He moved to second when the Crestwood second baseman booted Alan Brohl's grounder.

With one-away, Mushinski then fanned the next batter, but he issued a base on balls to Chuck Dandrea which loaded the bases. That brought up Phil Kufel who drilled one of Mushinski's curves down the right field line for a two-run double.

The Eagles hiked their lead to 3-1 in the third thanks to singles by Aaron Brohl and Belcher and a passed ball. Alan Brohl then successfully put down a "suicide squeeze".

A walk to Alan Brohl, who stole second, then reached third on Belcher's sacrifice fly set up the final run of the ball game. Brohl scored when Block hit a grounder to short which the infielder's failed to handle.

On Monday, the Eagles were back on the diamond at River Rouge. Then, after taking Tuesday off, they were at home Wednesday to face the next Mega-Gold champ, Fordson.

Earlier in the week, Romulus "mercied" Highland Park, 12-1, as Alan Brohl turned in a one-hit pitching performance, struck out 12 and didn't allow a walk.

Brohl also saw his no-hitter dissipate in the second when Dale Henderson belted a single to center.

Block accounted for three of the Eagles' nine hits as he doubled, had a pair of singles and scored three times. Chris Deaton tripled, singled and walked and also scored three times.

Brohl helped his own cause with a perfect two for two, both doubles. He also got aboard via a pair of walks.

Romulus rallied for five runs in the eighth inning and held on after Ypsilanti Lincoln scored four in the bottom of the extra inning as the Eagles won a 13-12 slugfest over the host.

Block, who started on the mound, had problems as he delivered three homers in a six-run Ypsi four. Aaron Brohl took over and finished up and got the victory.

Romulus snapped the 8-all deadlock in the eighth when Ryan Block came back with his first-ever grand slam homer that sailed 370-feet and went over the Railsplitters' fence.

Glenn

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final two frames, gave up a pair of hits, struck out two and walked one.

Truman struck first and put two runs on the scoreboard in the first inning. After Glenn tied it up in its third, Truman again came back with a run to take a 3-2 lead in that inning which held up until the Westlanders scored one run in the fifth and two more in the sixth and put what was the winning run on the board in the seventh.

In the seventh, Dave Mijal got aboard on an error, and he scored on back-to-back hits by Josh Day and Mitchell.

Mitchell had a three-hit day and two runs batted in. Ajlouni also checked in with a pair of singles.

Ajlouni was charged with the loss against Walled Lake Western. He gave up all four runs, and 10 hits while he whiffed six and walked one.

Western's Rob Pisha pitched a four-hitter. He struck out nine and walked four.

Mitchell collected three of Glenn's four hits. He got a double and a pair of singles.

Glenn rallied for an incredible six runs in the bottom of the seventh after North Farmington had scored five in the top of the frame to win a 13-12 thriller over NF.

Starter Dave Mijal was the first of four pitchers who saw duty against North. The victory eventually went to Howard, who pitched one inning and gave up two hits.

Chad Sansom picked up four of the Rockets' total 13 hits and scored three times. Day missed hitting for the "cycle" when he failed to get a homer. His single, double and triple drove in three of the Rockets' runs and also scored three times. Holloway contributed a pair of singles and a double and carded five RBIs.

Duffield and the Rockets will travel to Livonia Franklin to compete for a Class A district title. At Franklin are district title favorite Garden City, along with Wayne Memorial and Livonia Churchill.

Wayne whips Woodhaven, 13-7

Are Zebras ready for district playoffs?

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

After giving state-ranked Garden City a scare and crushing Woodhaven 13-7 in a Mega Conference crossover baseball game, first-year Wayne coach Tom Wakefield believes that his Zebras may be ready for the Class A district playoffs.

The pre-district is next week; the districts are June 3.

Wayne is scheduled to play in the district tournament hosted by Livonia Franklin. Along with the two teams, there are also teams from Livonia Churchill and Westland John Glenn seeking the title.

"Even though we lost to Garden City, I felt we played a great game against a state-ranked team," said Wakefield, commenting upon the 7-4 extra inning setback. "We did manage to beat Woodhaven in a crossover."

A three-run Garden City eighth-inning rally settled the issue.

In the sixth against GC, Wayne threatened to blow the game open and loaded the bases with Chris Cox, Justin Smoes and Ryan Yberra, but got only one run out of the potentially productive situation when Adam See hit into a fielder's choice.

Wayne built up a 4-0 lead after five innings as the Zebras collected their first run when Smoes hit a sacrifice fly that chased home Matt Mackiewicz from third.

Mackiewicz got aboard on an error, moved up on a pass ball and reached third on an infield error.

In the fourth, the Zebras added two more runs when John Judd walked, advanced to second on a pass ball and to third when Chris Cox was safe on an error. Yberra's double drove home the two runs,

But Garden City came back and rallied for three in its sixth, then edged into the lead, 4-3, before Wayne tied the game at 4-all in their seventh.

A three-run Garden City eighth-inning rally settled the issue.

Mackiewicz worked the first 5 2/3 innings, fanned 11 and walked three before he was removed for Adam Zimmerman who two-hit the Jaguars before Wakefield turned to Shawn McDaniels and Smoes.

Smoes, a righthander, scattered seven Woodhaven hits, struck out six and walked five to card his first victory of the campaign. Judd chipped in with a double, single and had three runs batted in while Adam See also accounted for two RBIs for the winners.

Wayne began the week with a 4-3 Mega White record. The Zebras are 6-9 overall. In their final week of the regular season, Wakefield and the Zebras faced Edsel Ford on Monday, then had Tuesday off and hosted Kennedy on Wednesday before playing a 3:30 p.m. game today (Thursday) against visiting Redford Union.

Wayne brings the curtains down on the regular season Friday at Romulus.

Heldmeyer, Haddell win Wayne's 5-K

From start to finish Fred Heldmeyer set the pace in the Second Annual Wayne Parks and Recreation Department's 5-K Run and Walk competitions. The races were sponsored by the city's Racquet and Exercise Club.

Heldmeyer covered the distance in the winning time of 18:17, while Haddell was the winner in the women's division. She was clocked in 25:22.

Other medalists are: Brian Clark (31:02, in 25-29 age group); Eric Anderson (27:03, 35-39); Doug Palmer (45:23, 40-44); Joseph Dattilo (21:31, 45-49); James Bosscher (22:51, 50-54); Ron Hays (33:19, 55=59) and George Douglas (27:50, 60-64).

In the Women's Bracket, other medalists are: Maria Constante (32:43), Joanne Holly (25:26), Beth Clark (33:19) and Lynn Higgs (32:24).

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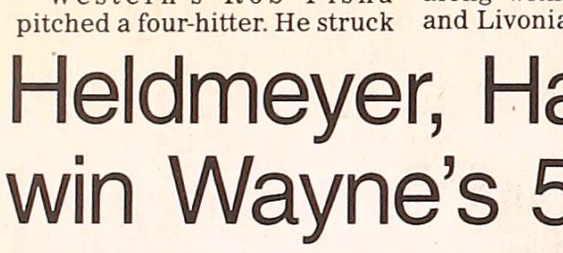

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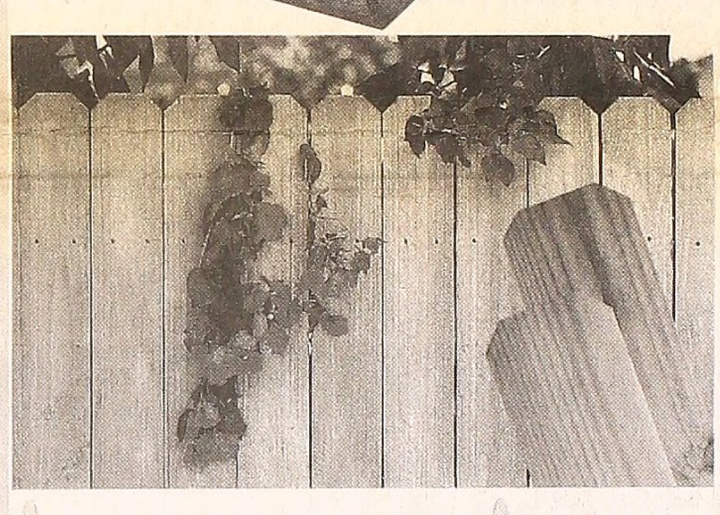

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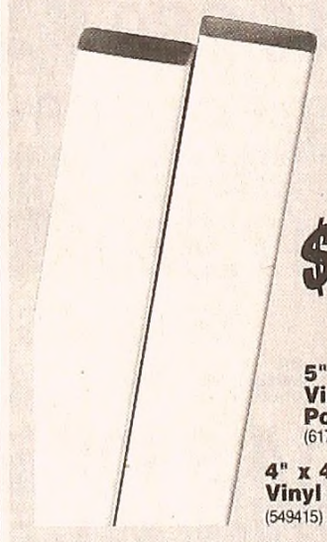

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Local HAPPENINGS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

ANYTHING GOES an evening of music and laughter provided by the Ford Chorus is slated for 7:30 p.m. on June 2, 3, 9, and 10 and at 3 p.m. on June 4 and 11. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for senior citizens and students. For more information call 313-323-8173.

OPEN SKATING HOURS are from 1 to 2:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thrusdays beginning June 17 at the Westland Sports Arena. On Friday the hours are from 4 to 5:45 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday the hours are from 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Cost is $2.25 for adults and $1.75 for children and senior citizens. Add one dollar on weekends. Skate rentals also are $2.

FELLOWSHIP CHAPEL'S 34TH ANNIVERSARY will be celebrated at 6 p.m. June 4 at the Fellowship Chapel, 19555 James E. Wadsworth Jr. Ave. (W. McNichols Rd.) in Detroit. Rev. Wendell Anthony is the pastor.

FREE TENNIS CLINICS are available from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday for ages 7 to 15 at Freedom Park in Canton. In addition other classes are slated for 1 to 2 p.m. for ages 15 and over. For more information call 397-5110.

SINGLE MINGLE DANCE is slated every Wednesday from 8 p.m. at the Warren Chateau Banquet Center, 10 Mile Road, one block east of Mound in Warren. Cost is $5. No jeans please Hot line is 313-842-0443.

AFTER DINNER DANCES every Sunday from 8 p.m. at the Warren Chateau Banquet Center, 10 Mile Road, one block east of Mound in Warren. Cost is $5. Hotline is 313-842-0443.

WILLOW RUN LOCAL 1776 REUNION is slated from noon to dusk on July 15 at Lower Huron Metro Park in the Tuliptree area, 17485 Savage Road in Belleville. Bring your classic car to show at the classic car show. For more information call Linda Taylor at T and C phone number 734-485-8000 or Pauline Joyner at 495-0415.

WESTSIDE SINGLES dances are slated for 8 p.m. on Fridays at the Burton Manor in Livonia. It is located on Schoolcraft Road, west of Inkster Road. Cost is $6 after 8:30 p.m. Hotline is 734-981-0909.

MARCHING BAND FUNDRAISER McDonald's Restaurant located at 34900 Warren Road (across from the Westland Mall) is hosting a fundraiser for the John Glenn High School Rocket Marching Band on May 31. A portion of the sales from every food and or beverage purchased between 5 and 7 p.m. that day will be donated to the band. Proceeds will be used to delay the cost of band camp, instructions, music and drill fees. Select members of the band will be performing in the restaurant parking lot.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS DAY including health screenings for persons of all ages is slated from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 17 at the Northwest YWCA at Grand River and Beech Daly. While the screenings are free a mother and daughter personal protection workshop (costing $5) will be featured from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The workshop will also highlight practical self-defense techniques. For more information call 313-537- 8500.

GRAND OPENING OF INDEPENDENCE PARK in Canton Township is slated for 10 a.m. May 27 during the Canton Soccer Club's annual Memorial Invitational Soccer Tournament. Park is located at Denton and Proctor Roads. For more information call Canton Parks and Recreation at 734- 397-5110.

SPORTS CARD SHOW is slated from noon to 9 p.m. June 2 at the Gilbraltar Trade Center, 15525 Racho Road in Taylor. There will be sports trading cards, racing collectibles, beanie babies and much more. Other time periods that weekend are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. June 3 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 4.

GOLF CLUB GRAND OPENING is slated June 20 in Romulus for the first nine holes at the Gateway Golf Club, 33290 Gateway Drive (off Van Born Road). In addition to a prime golf course a total of 650-single family homes and condominiums will be available later this year. For more information call David Hyde at 248-601-0970.

NAME CHANGE STUDIED A public forum is being planned by the board of directors of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Society to discuss options on a name change for the group. The name will recognize the changes in the community and the need for the orchestra to appeal to a broader constituency. Information should be mailed to the symphony at 819 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI. 48170.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA is planning a "Beethoven to Baker" concert at 8:30 p.m. June 2 at the Hagopian World of Rugs in Birmingham. Tickets are $18 and include the pre-concert reception at 8 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling 248-362-9329.

GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES lasting five weeks is being offered by the Hospice of Washtenaw beginning at 7 p.m. June 1 at the hospice office at 806 Airport Blvd. in Ann Arbor. The classes are free but registration is required. Call 734-327-3409.

Champion cooks

A compassionate and energetic Romulus couple, Kay and Larry Camilleri, pause briefly after cooking more than 50 pounds of spaghetti at Barth Elementary School for a fund-raiser for Bradley Bills, a Romulus student who is suffering from A-T disease.MCN photo by Tammy Carroll.

Charter school principal named

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Andrew B. Cook, currently a superintendent of the Mesick Consolidated Schools in Mesick, MI., has been named as the first principal of the planned Metro Charter Academy in Romulus.

The school is slated to open K-5th grade this August on Ecorse in Romulus.

Cook has a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree with a Group Social Studies major.

He also holds certificates as a Michigan elementary principal and Michigan teacher.

Open enrollment ends for the Romulus charter school at 5 p.m. May 26. A lottery as a means of student selection will be held on June 7.

Tasty mushrooms

James Chapman of Romulus displays part of the 40 Morrel mushroom plants he found in his rear yard on Wick Road. Chapman said this year's crop of the rare but tasty mushrooms was unique. He found it near his grape vines and apple trees. MCN Photo by Al Post.

Belleville woman is envy of many Michigan mothers

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Traci Holmes of Belleville is the envy of many Michigan mothers today after winning the $25,000 'Lucky Mom' instant lottery game.

Holmes, 28, revealed she was riding with a friend in a car, when she released she won the $25,000 prize.

"I was so excited I just couldn't stop shaking. I called my mom right away to tell her.

Holmes said she has been playing Michigan Lottery games for the past decade and her favorites are Michigan Lotto, The Big Game and of course an assortment of instant games.

The self-employed child care worker purchased the winning "Lucky Mom" ticket at the Cherry Hill Liquor store at 39023 Cherry Hill Road in Westland.

Prior to turning in the winning ticket at the Lottery regional office, Homes said she kept it in a fire-proof safe.

While remaining an avid biker, Holmes said, she plans to use the money to pay off some bills and to buy a new car.

She also will keep on with her interests of walking and making various crafts.

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Road trip breaks rules

By SYIBLE MARR
MCN Movie Writer

In the past couple of summers we have been faced with movies that contain ghosts, space mutants, and dying siblings and parents. We watched and cried, jumped out of our skin, and watched in horror. Then we laughed.

Sick and twisted movies are coming back in with a vengence. There was *Something About Mary* and our morals went to *South Park*. Now this summer we are being told to go back to school. In the new release *Road Trip* we find our sick sense of humor comes back to show it's ugly head again.

Road Trip stars Tom Green as Barry, a slack of sorts. He is the story teller the one with the answers to why it would be a great milestone in a young person's life to go to Ithica University to futher your learning.

We find, in the begining of the movie, Barry is showing some new hopefuls around the school grounds. Since Barry has been at the college for several years you would think he knew what he was doing, but well lets say his mother dropped him on his head too many times. This gives us though the first experiences of what we are in store for.

Barry, while losing his possible students to bordom, decides to tell the hopefuls about one of his old college buddies. He tells the story of Josh (Breckin Meyer) who one night decides to have a one night stand. He has a couple monkeys on his back though.

One being a girlfriend that has been with him, well since they started school. She is in veterinarian school in Texas, he in school in New York. Both try to keep the relationship going, but Josh breaks down after some pushes from a friend.

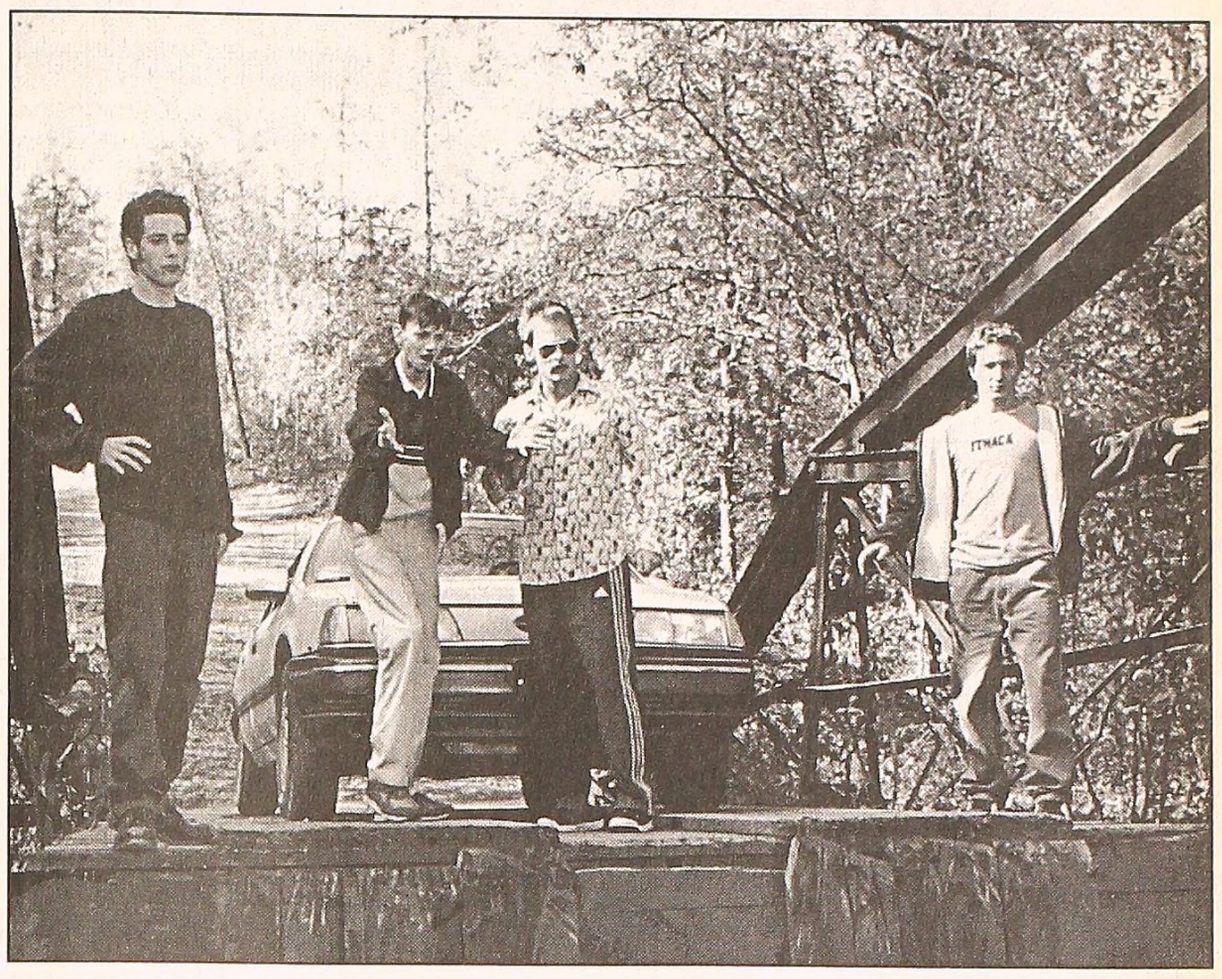
The second monkey is a movie camera that he has set up in his room. Feeling a little on the wild side Josh and his new friend decide to tape everything. When the tape of his one night lovefest is accidentally sent to his girlfriend in Texas, his two monkeys are going to collide.

With his relationship in the wings of disrepair Josh decides to take a road trip all the way to Austin, Texas. But what would a road trip be without some buddies. Two of his closest friends decided to join him. Now next on the list a car. Well the only one stupid enough to loan them a car is a poor little geeky guy who's only excitement is, well his door room.

So they all hop into the geek's Taurus and drive off into the sunset. Now that is not much of a story right. Try all the mischief they get into. They come up against a blind woman with attitude, a nurse who doesn't know about bedside manners, Andy Dick with greasy black hair, a road with no bridge to cross, and many other funny characters that will just leave you rolling in the aisles.

This movie is a great cross between the sickness in *There is Something About Mary* and *Animal House*. You have to laugh at the stupidness that comes along with life. Your love life, your family life, your college life, and your life with your friends.

Road Trip is great for older teens and young adults. Since there are some nude scenes involved, and it is Rated R, kids shouldn't see this movie without an adult. But if you are an adult watch this movie and have fun. That is all this movie is after. A good and fun time, so catch it while you can because its worth it.



Left to right, Rubin, Paulo Costanzo, Kyle, DJ Qualls, E.L., Seann William Scott and Josh, Breckin Meyer, may have reached the end of the road in their 1800-mile trek from New York to Texas to save Josh's lifelong romance in DreamWorks Pictures' comedy *Road Trip*.

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Petitions submitted to clerk

Recall members turned in petitions with about 4,000 signatures to Westland's city clerk's office Friday. Petitions called for an election to change Westland's city charter to allow voters to elect the city's clerk. Currently the city council appoints Westland's clerk, a $75,000 per year position, for a two-year term.

Only 2,714 register voters' signatures are required, but the group turned in about 1,300 extras to insure enough valid signatures, and to confirm the proposal's strength with voters.

The desire for an elected clerk gained momentum after the city council voted not to rehire former Clerk Pat Gibbons, a popular 23-year city employee.

The petition proposal reads: "Commencing in the year 2001, and every four years thereafter, there shall be an elected clerk. The clerk's term of office shall commence at 12:00 noon on January 01 following the election, and shall expire at 12:00 noon four years later."

Clerk Joan Seaberg will verify or reject the signatures. If at least 2,714 are valid, the Wayne County Election Bureau will be asked to set an election date. Recall workers have requested that the election be put on the August primary ballot to save the city the cost of a special election, an estimated $30,000.

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Veterans Memorial may move

Council votes $50,000 seed money approved to remove Memorial from roar of Ford Road traffic

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

So veterans who sacrificed their lives defending freedom may not have to continue sacrificing their deaths to noisy Ford Road, the city council voted to contribute $50,000 move the Veterans Memorial from the front of city hall.

"The memorial can hardly be seen by people driving down Ford," said Robert Watkins, a member of the Veterans Parade Council. "We feel the fallen veterans deserve better. They deserve a memorial that they can park near, walk up to, and view in quiet. And people deserve to be able to see it, too."

The Ford Road roar has become so upsetting to veterans that they held last year's Memorial Day ceremony at the city hall flag pole between Bailey Recreation Center and the back of city hall. Watkins called it the best Memorial ceremony ever.

Before coming to council with the request, Watkins polled all of Westland's veterans organizations. All agreed: move the Memorial near the flag pole.

"To any veteran, the Veterans Memorial is a sacred thing to remind us that many gave their lives so we could enjoy what we have today," he said. "Our request to move the Memorial is made out of respect to our fallen comrades. As long as there is a Memorial – and there must be -- it should be where it can be seen, read, and reflected upon."

Though veterans and council members all want to move the memorial, nobody knows how much the move will cost. Guesses ranged from $100,000-$150,000, though former Mayor Tom Brown feared there was a chance that the stone memorial might crack during moving.

At first, Councilman David Cox balked at the expense considering all the roadwork and other citywide improvements council could do, but Councilman Richard LeBlanc argued that the veterans organizations were committed to the move and that the public would support it.

"It's really not a battle or issue that would put us in a most favorable light," he said.

So council decided to approve $50,000 seed money for the Memorial, but matching funds must be found, a grant or donations.

Park opens Saturday

Canton residents are invited to celebrate the Grand Opening of Independence Park at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 27 during the Canton Soccer Club's Annual Memorial Invitational Soccer Tournament.

Independence Park is located on the southwest corner of Denton Road and Proctor Roads and features twelve soccer fields and an exciting and colorful children's playscape.

"We are very proud and excited about this addition to our recreational opportunities here in Canton," said Tom Yack, Canton Supervisor. The Grand Opening will feature a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Beckett and Raeder, Inc. from Ann Arbor served as the landscape architects, planner and engineers for the park. For more information on the Grand Opening, call Canton Parks and Recreation at 397-5110.

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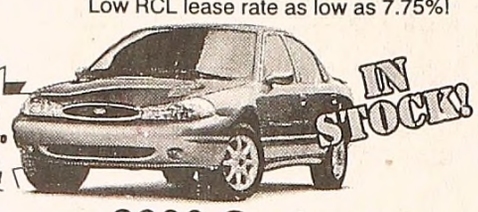

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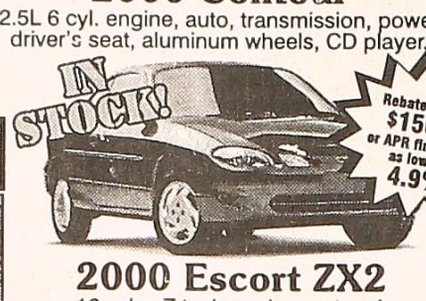

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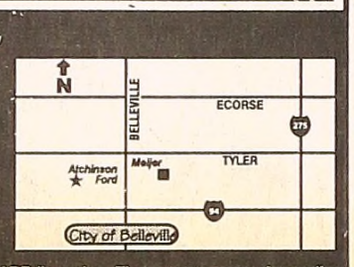

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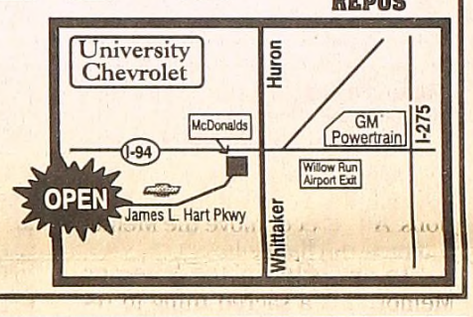

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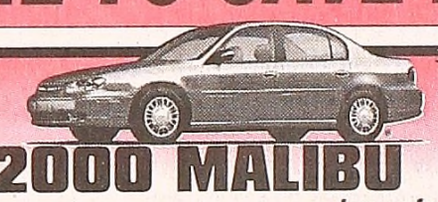

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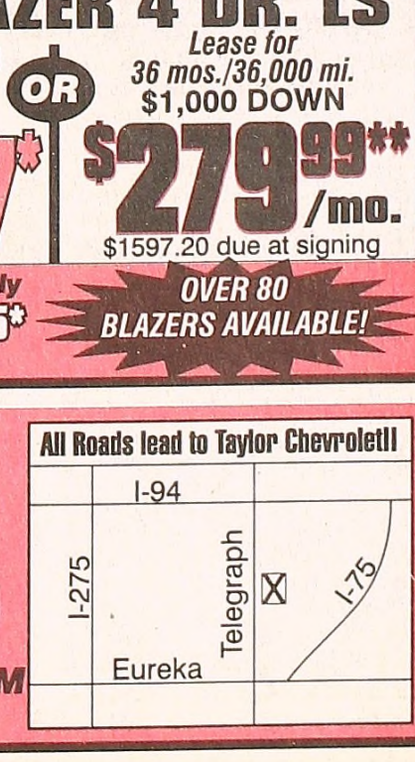

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Stk. #3381

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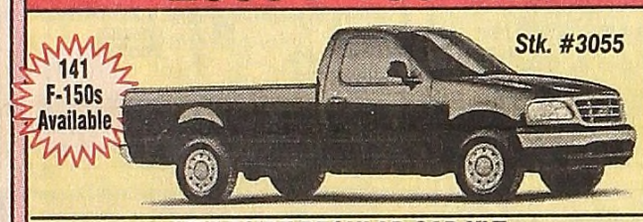

Stk. #3055

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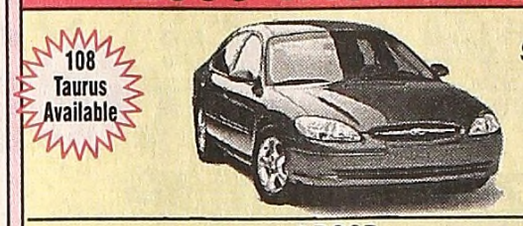

Stk. #2925

4 DOOR

Black clearcoat, dark charcoal cloth bucket, 3.0L 4V 6 cyl. engine, automatic, 5 passenger seating, front & rear floor mats.

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A-PLAN 36 MO. TAURUS TO TAURUS LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN $242.52**	$1500 DOWN $198.38**

2000 EXPLORER XLS 4x4

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A-PLAN 24 MO. SUV TO SUV LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN $267.90**	$1500 DOWN $202.52**

2000 EXPEDITION 4x4 XLT

Stk. #2807

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	1500 Down	$1967
2000 ESCORT ZX2	0 Down	$ 390
	1500 Down	$1928
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	1500 Down	$1939
2000 EXPEDITION XLT 4X4	0 Down	$ 479
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